



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL SPAY AND NEUTER MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, pet overpopulation results in an estimated 6-8 million animals entering shelters nationwide each year; and

**WHEREAS**, tragically, only half of these animals find adoptive homes resulting in the euthanasia of 3-4 million animals per year across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100 percent effective method of birth control for dogs and cats; and

**WHEREAS**, the spay/neuter procedure prevents various forms of cancer and bacterial infections thus adding to the quantity and quality of the dog or cat's life; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of February, the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control conducts a spay/neuter rebate program that allows any citizen of Cook County with a valid rabies vaccine to have their pet spayed/neutered at the veterinarian of their choice; and

**WHEREAS**, 4126 animals were spayed/neutered in the month of February 2013 in Cook County saving the citizens of Cook County \$165,040.00 through the Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Rebate Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the month of February is recognized as Spay/Neuter Month in Cook County; all residents and employees of Cook County are urged to have their pets spayed or neutered to help stop pet overpopulation.