



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

File #: 15-0948, **Version:** 1

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, 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, 3,472 animals were spayed/neutered in the month of February 2014 in Cook County saving the citizens of Cook County \$137,460.00 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by popular demand, in 2015 we are extending our Rebate program through the month of March.