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RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 4, 2000, SPAY WEEK TO PROMOTE THE SPAY AND NEUTERING OF DOGS AND CATS

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-M-05

PREMISES

WHEREAS, dogs and cats give companionship to and share the homes of over 50,000,000 individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one fertile dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in six years, and one fertile cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 cats in seven years; and

WHEREAS, humane societies and animal control shelters euthanize six to eight million dogs and cats each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, simply because there are not enough good homes; and

WHEREAS, 8,302 dogs and cats were killed in fiscal year 1994/1995, 9,700 dogs and cats were killed in fiscal year 1995/1996, 9,521 dogs and cats were killed in fiscal year 1996/1997, 8,987 dogs and cats were killed in fiscal year 1997/1998, 7,334 dogs and cats were killed in fiscal year 1998/1999, at Orange County Animal Services; and

WHEREAS, the problem of companion animal overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with thousands of unwanted dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering dogs and cats has been shown to drastically reduce dog and cat overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, human societies, animal control agencies, and national and local animal protection organizations worked together to ensure the spaying and neutering of more than 110,000 companion animals through "Spay Day USA" in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Orange County Animal Services operates a spay/neuter clinic offering free or low-cost sterilization's of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners encourages Orange County staff to go beyond expectations by being progressive, dedicated, and professional and, therefore, the Board deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Orange County to participate in Spay Week as more particularly set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, hereby resolves that:

Section 1. February 27 – March 4, 2000 is hereby proclaimed Spay Week in Orange County.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Orange County encourages and urges the citizens of Orange County to sterilize their pets and participate in Spay Week.

Section 3. Effect Date. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF February, 2000.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Mel Martinez
Mel Martinez
County Chairman

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Martha O. Haynie
Deputy Clerk