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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that the bond between people  
3 and their pets can increase fitness, lower stress, and bring  
4 happiness to their owners; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and  
6 Prevention, pet ownership has been shown to have positive  
7 health benefits to humans such as decreases in blood pressure,  
8 cholesterol levels, triglyceride levels, and feelings of  
9 loneliness; in addition, it increases opportunities for  
10 outdoor activities and socialization; and

11 WHEREAS, Routine pet health care is important to having a  
12 happy and healthy pet that enjoys life and interaction with its  
13 owner; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Veterinary Medical Association and  
15 the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association recommend that  
16 pets be seen annually by a licensed veterinarian for a physical  
17 exam, vaccinations, heartworm testing, fecal parasite exams,  
18 dental evaluation, and other preventative care as needed; and

19 WHEREAS, Regular exams can identify small issues that can  
20 become impediments to a pet's overall quality of health if left  
21 untreated and can enhance the long term quality of life for

1 both the pet and its owners; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 declare the week of April 8-14, 2018 as Healthy Pet Week in the  
5 State of Illinois; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That all Illinois pet owners are encouraged to  
7 take time during Healthy Pet Week to review their pet's health  
8 needs and make arrangements with their veterinarians to have  
9 annual exams and evaluations performed if they have not yet  
10 done so in order to enhance and extend their pet's quality of  
11 life.