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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The manner in which our nation treats our animals
3 is a direct reflection on society; and

4 WHEREAS, Animal cruelty can be either deliberate abuse or
5 simply the failure to take care of an animal; and

6 WHEREAS, Recent statistics show that an animal is abused
7 every ten seconds, and many cases are never reported; the
8 common victims are dogs and cats; and

9 WHEREAS, Most reported animal cruelty comes in the form of
10 neglect, including a failure to provide for the basic needs of
11 an animal, hoarding, lack of shelter or veterinary care,
12 tethering and abandonment, and other forms of abuse; and

13 WHEREAS, It is important to raise awareness and use
14 available information to try to understand and prevent causes
15 of abuse and neglect; it is also important to condemn organized
16 animal cruelty, such as dog fighting and cockfighting, which
17 often results in death and perpetual suffering; since there is
18 a well-documented link between animal cruelty and violence
19 against people, including links between animal abusers and
20 violence against their own family members, direct abuse should
21 be promptly reported to law enforcement; and

1 WHEREAS, It is also important that consumers strive to be
2 conscientious purchasers of products that are cruelty free; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
4 Prevention, pet ownership has been shown to help lower blood
5 pressure, cholesterol levels, and feelings of loneliness; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 3.4 million cats and kittens and 3.9
7 million dogs enter U.S. shelters annually, with millions losing
8 their lives; potential pet owners should consider the option of
9 adopting shelter cats and dogs; additionally, animal shelters
10 are in constant need of volunteers to help complete every day
11 tasks, such as walking and socializing with furry friends;
12 reaching out to a local animal shelter helps remedy animal
13 abuse in our State; and

14 WHEREAS, Illinois has done tremendous work to put policies
15 in place to protect animals across our communities to ensure
16 they are well taken care of; and

17 WHEREAS, Animal Cruelty Prevention Month signifies the
18 importance of raising awareness and advocating for our
19 voiceless friends; and

20 WHEREAS, Animal cruelty prevention is a major concern for

1 our society at large, and it is important to spread the word to
2 neighbors, friends, and family members to put a stop to this
3 silent epidemic in communities across our State; therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate April 2018
7 as Animal Cruelty Prevention Month in Illinois in order to
8 raise awareness about this silent crisis and give a voice to
9 our furry friends.