

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Boren of the Senate

and

Hefner of the House

6 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing February 24,
7 2026, as World Spay Day; recognizing the impact of
8 pet overpopulation on communities and shelters,
9 including the resulting euthanasia of adoptable dogs
10 and cats; and recognizing the importance of spay and
11 neuter programs.

11 WHEREAS, World Spay Day is observed annually on the fourth
12 Tuesday in February, and is aimed at decreasing stray pet
13 populations by increasing awareness of the importance of spay and
14 neuter programs; and

15 WHEREAS, shelters cannot meet the demand for animals who are
16 lost, abandoned, stray, or surrendered by owners. Needs far outpace
17 resources, and there is a lack of shelters in rural areas; and

18 WHEREAS, stray animals raise health concerns, including the
19 spread of diseases to pets, livestock, and people. Overpopulation
20 strains local resources, while euthanizing animals who are not
21 adopted takes a toll on the mental health of shelter staff; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2024, more than 11,000 dogs and cats in Oklahoma
23 were euthanized due to lack of space in shelters; and
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1 WHEREAS, spay and neuter programs can reduce shelter intakes and
2 euthanasia, help pets remain in homes instead of being surrendered,
3 improve pet health and reduce the spread of disease, improve pet
4 behavior and decrease aggression, roaming, and injuries, and prevent
5 unwanted litters that overwhelm animal shelters and rescue groups.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
7 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 CONCURRING THERIN:

9 THAT Tuesday, February 24, 2026, is recognized by the Oklahoma
10 State Legislature as World Spay Day.

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the importance of
12 public awareness of the benefits of spay and neuter programs in
13 reducing stray populations and commends those organizations
14 providing spay and neuter services.

15 Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of February, 2026.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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19 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
20 2026.

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