

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 15

By: Boren of the Senate
and
Hefner of the House

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, in 2024, more than 11,000 dogs and cats in Oklahoma
2 were euthanized due to lack of space in shelters; and

3 WHEREAS, spay and neuter programs can reduce shelter intakes and
4 euthanasia, help pets remain in homes instead of being surrendered,
5 improve pet health and reduce the spread of disease, improve pet
6 behavior and decrease aggression, roaming, and injuries, and prevent
7 unwanted litters that overwhelm animal shelters and rescue groups.

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

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

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

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