

RESOLUTION NO. 25423

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 26, 2008 AS
"SPAY DAY USA".

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of over 71,000,000 individuals and families in the United States; and

WHEREAS, two unaltered cats and all their descendants can number 420,000 in seven years and two unaltered dogs and all their descendants can number 67,000 in six years; and

WHEREAS, humane societies and shelters have to kill approximately four million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, simply because there are not enough good homes; and

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

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

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of an estimated 200,000 companion animals through Spay Day USA 2007; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals on Spay Day USA 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that February 26, 2008, be and is hereby designated "Spay Day USA." The Chattanooga City Council and Mayor Ron Littlefield hereby issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the City of Chattanooga to observe the day by having their own cats or dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog.

ADOPTED: February 19, 2008

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