



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Designate February 2017 as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month in the City of Columbus.

**WHEREAS**, domestic animals have provided companionship to people for centuries, sharing homes in millions of U.S. and Ohio households, providing many benefits to their families such as love, loyalty and an improved sense of well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, more than two million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters each year due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, while most pets living in poverty are unaltered, spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals who are put down through programs that exist to assist with the cost of spaying or neutering pets and community cats; and

**WHEREAS**, through "World Spay Day" on February 28 veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens work together to ensure the spaying or neutering of tens of thousands of pets and community cats in the United States on and throughout the world during "World Spay Month"; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby designate February 2017 as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month and call upon the people of the City of Columbus to celebrate the month by having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of an animal in need.