



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**INTERNATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, overpopulation of our nation's most popular pets, dogs and cats, results in the killing of more than one million of them annually in shelters throughout the United States, including North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the dog and cat overpopulation crisis can be ameliorated by owners taking initiative to: spay and neuter before their pets' first litter, rehome rather than abandon pets that can no longer remain in the home, and adopt a dog or cat from a local animal shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), approximately 1.5 million shelter animals (670,000 dogs and 860,000 cats) are euthanized and 3.2 million shelter animals (1.6 million dogs and 1.6 million cats) are adopted each year; and

**WHEREAS**, dog and cat owners who fail to have their pets spayed or neutered contribute greatly to the overpopulation of animal shelters and number of shelter animals killed annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages pet owners to accept the responsibility of humane care of their dogs and cats, including having them spayed or neutered to prevent the birth of unwanted animals that will likely become homeless and euthanized;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2018, as "INTERNATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.