

## House Resolution 288

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 30, 2025, as No-Kill Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia values the lives of dogs and cats and seeks to create safe  
4 and humane communities for people and pets; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2023, 19,331 dogs and cats, nearly 20 percent of the pets impounded, were  
6 killed in Georgia shelters; and

7 WHEREAS, many loving and healthy animals in shelters and rescues throughout Georgia  
8 are waiting for homes; and

9 WHEREAS, pet adoption provides many dogs and cats a second chance at life, helps reduce  
10 the strain on overcrowded shelters, promotes animal welfare, and encourages responsible pet  
11 ownership within the community; and

12 WHEREAS, "No-Kill" is a community philosophy and commitment to saving every dog and  
13 cat in a shelter who can be saved, where at least 90 percent of the companion animals  
14 entering facilities leave alive; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia's animal shelters can achieve a 90 percent save rate if more Georgians  
16 seeking a pet choose to adopt from a shelter rather than purchase, which would make Georgia  
17 the largest state to date with a save rate exceeding 90 percent; and

18 WHEREAS, many Georgia shelters are no-kill, saving at least 90 percent of the animals they  
19 intake by implementing proven programs and policies as alternatives, such as foster care  
20 networks, adoption programs, medical and behavioral programs, public education and  
21 awareness initiatives, community cat trap-neuter-vaccinate-return programs, and animal  
22 socialization programs; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgians can work together to achieve "No-Kill" in this state by 2025, and  
24 animal shelters can help accomplish this by implementing lifesaving programs and utilizing  
25 the support of rescues and nonprofits.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend animal shelter workers and volunteers as well as  
28 community members who support their local animal shelters and recognize April 30, 2025,  
29 as No-Kill Awareness Day at the state capitol to raise awareness about dog and cat adoption  
30 and the importance of "No-Kill" animal shelters.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 public and the press.