

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4620, by Representative Stanford

1 WHEREAS, Pets provide companionship to sixty-five percent of
2 United States households; and

3 WHEREAS, Each year, over 2.4 million healthy and adoptable cats
4 and dogs are put down in animal shelters due to a lack of critical
5 resources and public awareness; and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly ninety percent of pets living in poverty, and
7 ninety-eight percent of community (feral and stray) cats are
8 unaltered; and

9 WHEREAS, Spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically
10 reduce the number of animals who are put down in animal shelters; and

11 WHEREAS, Programs exist to assist with the cost of spaying or
12 neutering pets living in poverty and community cats; and

13 WHEREAS, On "World Spay Day" in 2016, veterinarians, national and
14 local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked
15 together to ensure the spaying or neutering of tens of thousands of
16 pets and community cats; and

17 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, national and local animal protection
18 organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to
19 advocate the spaying or neutering of pets and community cats on
20 "World Spay Day" 2017;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
22 of Representatives honor the Humane Society of the United States'
23 designation of February 28, 2017, as "World Spay Day."

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2 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
3 Resolution 4620 adopted by the House of Representatives
4 February 28, 2017
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10 Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk