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## Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

### Designating February, 2014, as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

WHEREAS, pets provide companionship to more than 71,000,000 households in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, humane societies and animal shelters have to put down millions of cat, dogs, rabbits and other animals each year, many of whom are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and,

WHEREAS, this tragic overpopulation of pets costs citizens and taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal services programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless animals; and,

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets and feral cats, proving to be a wise investment in saving animal lives and taxpayer dollars; and,

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal control and animal welfare organizations, and private citizens have worked together to ensure the spaying and neutering of thousands of animals in this country; and,

WHEREAS, Chatham County veterinarians, the animal control division of the public health department and local animal rescue organizations have joined together to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and feral cats in February of 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners, that February 2014, is designated "Spay/Neuter Awareness Month." The Board of County Commissioners is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of Chatham County to observe the month by having their own pet spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's pet or of an animal in a shelter awaiting adoption.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

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Walter Petty, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners