

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** pets provide companionship and have a positive impact on many of the more than 650,000 residents in the City of Seattle; and
- WHEREAS,** due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness, humane societies and animal shelters across the nation have little choice but to humanely euthanize nearly 3 million cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals each year, many of whom are healthy and adoptable; 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 animals' lives and taxpayer dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1978 the citizens of Seattle were forerunners in the recognition of the importance of spaying and neutering, having approved an initiative to create a municipally run and funded low-cost spay and neuter clinic for Seattle pets; and
- WHEREAS,** the Seattle Animal Shelter Spay and Neuter Clinic opened its door in 1982 and has proven itself to be a wise investment in saving lives and taxpayer dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1982, 18,401 live animals were taken in to the shelter and 8,320 of those animals were euthanized. Five years later, with its low-cost spay/neuter clinic in place, Seattle Animal Shelter intakes were reduced by 33 percent and the euthanasia rate reduced by 50 percent. Last year, live animal intakes to the Shelter dropped to 3,344, with the number of euthanasias reduced to 245; and
- WHEREAS,** veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 68,000 pets and feral cats through "World Spay Day" in the United States in 2014, and have joined together again for "World Spay Day 2015;"

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 24, 2015 TO BE, IN OUR CITY

World Spay Day



Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

