

1 A RESOLUTION raising awareness for pet adoption.

2 WHEREAS, approximately 6.5 million companion animals enter animal shelters in
3 the United States every year; and

4 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of those animals enter Kentucky animal shelters and
5 rescue organizations each year; and

6 WHEREAS, approximately 1.5 million shelter animals are euthanized every year, a
7 decrease from approximately 2.6 million in 2011; and

8 WHEREAS, the reduction in euthanizations can partially be attributed to an
9 increase in the percentage of animals adopted; and

10 WHEREAS, only 44 percent of dogs and 47 percent of cats in American homes
11 come from shelter and rescue organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, there are approximately 150 animal shelters in Kentucky; and

13 WHEREAS, increased knowledge and awareness of animal rescue programs
14 throughout the Commonwealth will significantly reduce the number of cats and dogs
15 euthanized and reduce the number of animals returned to a shelter who have been
16 rescued; and

17 WHEREAS, loving families welcome pets to their new "forever home" every day,
18 but more adoption is needed;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
21 ***Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby encourages Kentucky's potential pet owners to
23 adopt from a shelter or rescue organization when choosing where to acquire a pet.

24 ➔Section 2. The Senate hereby encourages Kentuckians to learn more about their
25 local animal shelters.

26 ➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of animal
27 shelters and rescue organizations in the Commonwealth.

- 1 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 2 Resolution to Senator Adrienne Southworth.