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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare February 22, 2011, as Spay Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and appreciate the service, companionship, loyalty and happiness pets bring to the lives of their owners; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare February 22, 2011, as Spay Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Spay Day; and

WHEREAS, Pets provide companionship in more than 71 million United States households, and studies have shown owning a pet can provide a variety of health benefits; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for responsible pet owners to help control pet overpopulation by having their pets spayed or neutered, which has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets, and save animals' lives and taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, Veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens are working together to educate the public about spay and neuter programs and offering financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, Past Spay Day efforts have led to the successful spaying and neutering of tens of thousands of pets and feral cats, and helped support low-cost neutering of more than 9,000 pets in Chemung County since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Many shelters and organizations throughout the State of New York have volunteered their efforts to join together in order to advocate the spaying and neutering of their pets on "Spay Day"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare February 22, 2011, as

Spay Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.