

## 2013-J2656

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating August 26, 2013, as National Dog Day

WHEREAS, National Dog Day is annually celebrated on August 26th and serves to galvanize the public to recognize the number of dogs that need to be rescued each year; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2004 by pet lifestyle expert and author, Colleen Paige, National Dog Day was created in response to a lack of acknowledgement about the selfless service of search and rescue dogs at Ground Zero; and

WHEREAS, National Dog Day honors dogs by giving them "a day" to show deep appreciation for our long connection to each other; and for their endearing patience, unquestioning loyalty, for their work, their capacity for love and their ability to impact our lives everyday in the most miraculous ways; and

WHEREAS, Dogs put their lives on the line every day; for their law enforcement partner, for their blind companion, for a child who is disabled, for our freedom and safety by detecting bombs and drugs and pulling victims of tragedy from wreckage; and

WHEREAS, National Dog Day also acknowledges family dogs and dogs that work selflessly each day to save lives, keep us safe and bring comfort; and

WHEREAS, Since the first National Dog Day in 2004, approximately one million dogs have been saved through adoptions nationwide; this effort is now expanding to other countries, seeking to make National Dog Day an international goal to save dogs around the globe; and

WHEREAS, In addition, National Dog Day wishes to encourage dog ownership of all breeds, mixed and pure, and embraces the opportunity for all dogs to live a happy, safe and abuse-free life; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that this great Empire State recognizes the worthy and beneficial purposes of celebrating National Dog Day; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to events that serve to bring people together for the united purpose of actively pursuing improvements in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate August 26, 2013, as National Dog Day.