

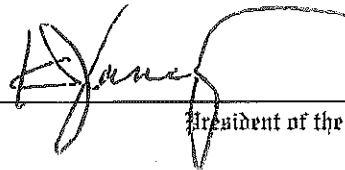
City of Boston IN

CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCILOR MATT O'MALLEY

- WHEREAS:** February 25th is widely recognized as World Spay Day since it was established in 1995 by the Doris Day Animal League; and
- WHEREAS:** World Spay Day is recognized in over 70 countries to bring attention to the importance of spaying or neutering animals and the need for affordable services in our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Pets provide companionship to 68% of U.S. households; and
- WHEREAS:** Of the 3 million cats and dogs that are euthanized in shelters each year, approximately 2.4 million are healthy and adoptable; and
- WHEREAS:** Spaying/neutering a pet is an effective and humane way to save animals' lives, prevent surplus litters and reduce the number of animals that are put down in animal shelters; and
- WHEREAS:** Neutered male dogs live 18% longer than intact male dogs and spayed female dogs live 23% longer than intact female dogs; and
- WHEREAS:** Intact dogs can help curb aggressive and undesirable behaviors such as marking, and reduce a dogs' risk of certain tumors and cancers with spay/neuter surgery; and
- WHEREAS:** There are numerous programs sponsored by Boston-based non-profits, such as the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) that offer spay and neutering surgery for animals in low-income communities free of charge as well as offer surgery services to the general public; and
- WHEREAS:** The MSPCA-Angell, located in Jamaica Plain, provides resources and services, such as providing spay or neuter surgery and vaccinations. The MSPCA-Angell, through a continued presence in the City of Boston seeks to create a safety net for family pets; and
- WHEREAS:** The MSPCA-Angell's outreach in Boston in 2019 has resulted in meeting 737 families and 975 pets who have become clients. The MSPCA-Angell conducted 437 spay/neuter surgeries, conducted 677 veterinary visits, and provided 27,184 meals to pets for free to families with lower incomes; NOW THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, does hereby declare that February 27, 2020 as "World Spay Day," and congratulates and thanks animal welfare organizations like the MSPCA for ensuring the health and vibrancy of our animal community in Boston and throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

By: _____

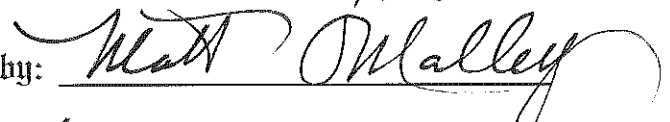


President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____



Date: _____

