

House Resolution 191

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Smith of the 70th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, and Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 23, 2021, as World Spay Day; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, domestic animals have provided companionship to people throughout history,
3 and today, companion animals offer affection and an improved sense of well-being to
4 millions of Georgians; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Brian P. Kemp, Governor of the State of Georgia, has proclaimed February 23,
6 2021, as World Spay Day in Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, all pet owners have a responsibility to spay and neuter their pets to ensure the
8 health of companion animals, and proper spaying and neutering has been shown to
9 significantly reduce pet overpopulation, an issue that costs the United States more than \$1
10 billion per year; and
- 11 WHEREAS, each year, shelters euthanize millions of healthy, adoptable cats and dogs
12 because of an inadequate number of responsible homes to care for them; and
- 13 WHEREAS, spaying and neutering also helps to eliminate or decrease several pet health
14 problems that can be difficult or expensive to treat; and

15 WHEREAS, all of Georgia's domestic animals deserve loving homes and proper care
16 throughout their lifetimes.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize February 23, 2021, as World Spay Day and urge all pet
19 owners to spay and neuter their companion animals.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
22 public and the press.