

Senate Resolution 121

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Harrell of the 40th, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Au of the 48th and others

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 SENATE that the members of this body
18 recognize February 23, 2021, as World Spay Day and urge all pet owners to spay and neuter
19 their companion animals.

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