

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** pets provide companionship to most households in U.S. and Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** over 2 million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters each year due to lack of critical resources and public awareness; and
- WHEREAS,** most pets living in poverty and nearly all of community (feral and stray) cats are unaltered; and
- WHEREAS,** spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals that are put down in animal shelters; and
- WHEREAS,** programs exist in Vermont to assist with the cost of spaying and neutering pets living in poverty; and
- WHEREAS,** veterinarians, national and local animal protecting organizations, and private citizens worked together to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and community cats through “World Spay Day” in the United States and throughout the world in 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying or neutering of pets and community cats on World Spay Day 2017.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2017 as

WORLD SPAY DAY

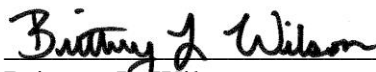
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of February, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs