

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 594

Expressing support for designation of the third Saturday in October 2016 as “National Animal Rescue Day” to create awareness of and educate individuals on the importance of adoption of animals, to create a humane environment for any pet, and to encourage animal adoptions throughout the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the third Saturday in October 2016 as “National Animal Rescue Day” to create awareness of and educate individuals on the importance of adoption of animals, to create a humane environment for any pet, and to encourage animal adoptions throughout the United States.

Whereas between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 companion animals are placed into animals shelters each year;

Whereas between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 companion animals are euthanized each year;

Whereas a greater awareness of dog fighting and abuse encourages individuals to rehabilitate animals that would

otherwise be put to sleep or left in animal shelters or rescues;

Whereas there are more than 13,000 animal shelters throughout the United States in need of pet supplies, medical supplies, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, food, educational materials about owning a pet, and information on how to screen out unqualified applicants and to provide the best pet match for a family;

Whereas increased knowledge and awareness of animal rescue programs throughout the United States will significantly reduce the number of cats and dogs that are euthanized and animals that have been rescued that are left in animal shelters;

Whereas “National Animal Rescue Day” will alleviate the problem of pet overpopulation, provide animals with good homes, and create awareness of, and financial and educational resources to alleviate, the problems animal shelters face each day;

Whereas “National Animal Rescue Day” will encourage individuals to make their homes available for animals in need; and

Whereas the third Saturday in October 2016 would be an appropriate day to designate as “National Animal Rescue Day”, to be commemorated with appropriate events that will increase the number of pet adoptions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate supports the designation
2 of “National Animal Rescue Day”—

3 (1) to create awareness of animal rescue pro-
4 grams throughout the year; and

- 1 (2) to be commemorated with appropriate
- 2 events that will increase the number of pet adop-
- 3 tions.

