

State of Misconsin 2009 - 2010 LEGISLATURE

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 91

1	Relating to: declaring October to be Adopt a Shelter Pet Month.
2	Whereas, declaring the month of October to be Adopt a Shelter Pet Month in
3	Wisconsin will encourage pet adoption at local animal shelters and raise awareness
4	of the strain felt by local animal shelters because of the faltering economy and an
5	overpopulation of animals, including dogs, cats, pet birds, and small reptiles; and
6	Whereas, many of these animals are euthanized because they are not reclaimed
7	by their owners or adopted by new owners; and
8	Whereas, young, healthy, and friendly animals are often euthanized simply
9	because there are not enough good homes for them, making it more important than
10	ever to help local animal shelters by adopting a pet; and
11	Whereas, pet ownership has been shown to promote a healthy lifestyle by
12	encouraging exercise and socialization; and
13	Whereas, studies indicate that children who interact with pets have higher
14	self-esteem and enhanced social skills, and can cope better with their emotions; and

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1	Whereas, adopting a pet from a shelter and caring for that animal for the rest
2	of its life is a responsible way to help reduce animal shelter overcrowding; and
3	Whereas, Wisconsin and the nation have an enormous problem with animal
4	overpopulation, a problem that worsens as the economy declines; and
5	Whereas, shelter animals are usually sterilized prior to being released to new
6	owners, thus reducing the problem of overpopulation; and
7	Whereas, state and local budget reductions have the potential to increase the
8	strain on local animal shelter systems, threatening the lives of thousands of animals;
9	and
10	Whereas, adopting pets from a local animal shelter is one way the people of
11	Wisconsin can make a difference not only in their own lives, but also in the lives of
12	animals in need; now, therefore, be it
13	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
14	Wisconsin legislature declare the month of October to be Adopt a Shelter Pet Month,
15	encouraging the people of Wisconsin to save lives by adopting animals from their
16	local animal shelters.
17	(END)