



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

