Relating to: naming October 2016 as National Animal Safety and Protection Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, in any given year, more than 30 million pet animals die from abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, pet ownership has become engrained in American culture, nearly 79.7 million households in the United States own at least one pet; and

Whereas, Americans have 163.6 million cats and dogs as companions in their homes; and

Whereas, these animals depend on their owners to keep them safe and out of harm’s way; and

Whereas, everyday risks threaten the livelihood of these pets including accidental drowning, poisoning, and electrocution; and

Whereas, tragic accidents can occur if owners are not aware of these everyday risks; and
Whereas, the loss of an animal companion can devastate a family; both children and adults can be equally hurt from their loss; and

Whereas, pets in healthy and secure homes reduce the burden facing overcrowded animal shelters; and

Whereas, fostering safe and protected homes for animals can better human lives and save Wisconsin taxpayer dollars; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims October 2016 National Animal Safety and Protection Month in Wisconsin.

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