

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the City of Los Angeles has been one of California's leaders in pursuing progressive animal welfare policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, one of the City's goals is to substantially reduce the number of animals euthanized in our animal shelters while simultaneously helping as many animals find forever homes and be safe from animal cruelty as possible; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that more than one million companion animals enter animal shelters every year in California, with more than half of them being euthanized; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has taken note of this in recent years by stepping up its level of interest in policies and laws that benefit animals throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, one method of drawing attention to shelter animals and encouraging the public to adopt them is to keep these animals more prominently in the minds of Californians; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 56 (Linder) has been introduced to help accomplish that by declaring "a shelter pet as the official State Pet."

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for ACR 56 and the effort to expand awareness of shelter animals in California.

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