

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING IDENTIFY**

2 **YOUR PET DAY**

3 2014 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Angela Romero**

6 Senate Sponsor: Brian E. Shiozawa

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor designates Friday, April
11 18, 2014, as "Identify Your Pet Day" in the state of Utah.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ designates Friday, April 18, 2014, as "Identify Your Pet Day" in the state of Utah;

15 and

16 ▶ urges Utahns to ensure that their pets have identification that can assist in reuniting
17 lost pets with their owners, reducing animal shelter costs, and reducing the
18 euthanizing of unclaimed pets.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

22 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

23 WHEREAS, many household pets become lost and are picked up by county animal
24 services;

25 WHEREAS, these lost pets are then taken either to municipal or county animal shelters
26 or the Humane Society or other animal rescue organizations;

27 WHEREAS, many of these animals do not wear an identification collar or have an
28 implanted identification chip;

29 WHEREAS, pets that wear identification, or have had implanted an identification chip,

30 can be much more easily reunited with their owners;

31 WHEREAS, according to Salt Lake County Animal Services, it costs approximately
32 \$33 per day for an animal shelter to house and care for a pet;

33 WHEREAS, eventually, animal shelters have no choice but to euthanize the pets in
34 their care that are not claimed by their owners;

35 WHEREAS, as more pets have identification, fewer taxpayer dollars are needed to
36 house lost pets;

37 WHEREAS, pet identification provides a great service to pets, their owners, and Utah's
38 communities; and

39 WHEREAS, Friday, April 20-26, 2014, is National Pet ID Week:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
41 Governor concurring therein, designates Friday, April 18, 2014, as "Identify Your Pet Day" in
42 the state of Utah, in recognition of National Pet ID Week, April 20-26, and urges Utah's pet
43 owners to provide identification for their pets, either through an implanted identification chip
44 or on a pet's collar.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize that, as
46 Utah's pet owners get identification for their pets, pet owners will more likely be reunited with
47 their lost pets and fewer taxpayer dollars will be spent housing lost animals.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah League
49 of Cities and Towns for distribution to its members, the Utah Association of Counties for
50 distribution to its members, the Humane Society of Utah, and the Humane Society of the
51 United States.