



PROCLAMATION

Designating Tuesday, February 23, 2016 as "World Spay Day" in the City of Edgewater, Colorado

WHEREAS, pets provide companionship to 68% of U.S. households; and

WHEREAS, nearly 2.4 million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters in the United States each year due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, more than 27,000 cats and dogs in Colorado shelters are put down every year because there are not enough homes for every pet; and

WHEREAS, nearly 90% of pets living in poverty, and 98% of community (feral and stray) cats are unaltered; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals who are put down in animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, programs exist to assist with the cost of spaying or neutering pets living in poverty and community cats; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 68,000 pets and community cats through "World Spay Day" in the United States and throughout the world in 2015; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying or neutering of pets and community cats on "World Spay Day 2016":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor of the City of Edgewater that February 23, 2016, has been designated "World Spay Day" in the City of Edgewater, Colorado. The Mayor is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the City of Edgewater to observe the day by having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of a pet in need.

Signature /s/ *Kris Teegardin*, Mayor

Date: February 4, 2016