HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4620, by Representative Stanford

WHEREAS, Pets provide companionship to sixty-five percent of United States households; and

WHEREAS, Each year, over 2.4 million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, Nearly ninety percent of pets living in poverty, and ninety-eight percent 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, On "World Spay Day" in 2016, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of tens of thousands of pets and community cats; 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" 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor the Humane Society of the United States' designation of February 28, 2017, as "World Spay Day."

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of

Resolution 4620 adopted by the House of Representatives

February 28, 2017

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk