

By Senator Jones

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2011 as "Adopt a Shelter Pet Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, in the United States, six to eight million homeless pets enter animal shelters each year, with as many as four million of these animals being euthanized, including healthy, loving cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies, and

WHEREAS, the faltering economy has forced many pet owners to surrender their beloved pets to local animal shelters, which are already overburdened, and

WHEREAS, Florida communities are experiencing unprecedented budget shortfalls, which is placing an increased strain on local animal shelters, threatening the lives of thousands of animals, and

WHEREAS, Florida animal shelters cannot save and support the large numbers of animals arriving at their doors, and

WHEREAS, adopting a pet from a local animal shelter is one way that Floridians can make a difference in these uncertain economic times, giving hope to those who must surrender their pet that the pet will be loved and cared for, and

WHEREAS, adopting a pet from a local animal shelter deeply enriches the lives of those who open their homes and hearts to shelter animals, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That April 2011 is recognized as "Adopt a Shelter Pet Month" in Florida.