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**Honoring Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program and Chuck & Don's  
Pet Food Outlet and celebrating *Spay Day* in Minneapolis.**

Whereas, Animal Shelters and Humane Societies throughout the United States destroy more than four million healthy and adoptable cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals each year due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis spent more than \$300,000 last year handling unwanted domestic pets, including the destruction of more than 1,000 animals; and

Whereas, spaying and neutering has been shown to increase an animal's chance of being adopted; and dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets and feral cats, proving to be a wise investment in both saving animal lives and taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, since 1994 veterinarians, animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together in an annual awareness campaign known as Spay Day to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and feral cats; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program has brought low-cost spay and neuter services to the pets of qualifying low-income individuals, performing 10,000 surgeries last year; and

Whereas, Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet has worked hard to highlight the need for spaying and neutering pets throughout the Twin Cities, and has made a commitment to donate dog and cat food to all pet owners who participate in the World Spay Day event at Minneapolis Animal Care and Control; and

Whereas, The City of Minneapolis Animal Care and Control is partnering with the Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program and Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet to host a Spay-a-thon, in hopes of spaying over 100 owned animals and those available for adoption on February 28<sup>th</sup> in a mobile surgical vehicle that will be on site at the Animal Control Shelter of 212 17th Avenue North;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That February 28, 2012 is designated Spay Day Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that we call on pet owners in Minneapolis to schedule their pet to be spayed or neutered or help make a donation so that an unwanted pet may be spayed or neutered and have a second chance at a new home.