

House Concurrent Resolution 12

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SUMMARY

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Designates rescued shelter dogs and cats as official state pet.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas every year Oregon animal shelters take in tens of thousands of homeless dogs and cats;
3 and

4 Whereas an army of dedicated shelter staff, volunteers, animal behaviorists and veterinarians
5 work hard to ready these dogs and cats for a second chance at finding their permanent home; and

6 Whereas Oregonians open their hearts and adopt thousands of rescued shelter dogs and cats
7 every year; and

8 Whereas shelter dogs and cats, like Oregonians, are renowned for their resilience, endurance
9 and ability to overcome adversity; and

10 Whereas many shelter dogs and cats, like many Oregonians, have come through unimaginable
11 hardship but look to the future with hope and strength; and

12 Whereas in the diversity of shelter dogs and cats, which are of every shape and size and from
13 every background, Oregonians see a reflection of themselves; and

14 Whereas because shelter dogs and cats embody all breeds, as Oregon's state pet they would
15 represent the choice of all dog and cat lovers in this state; and

16 Whereas like Oregonians, shelter dogs and cats are eager to leave their indoor confines and join
17 their friends in the freedom, beauty and adventure of Oregon's great outdoors; and

18 Whereas Oregon is the land of the second chance, something every shelter dog or cat deserves;
19 and

20 Whereas shelter dogs and cats remind us that second chances are worth it; and

21 Whereas Oregonians know that adopting a shelter dog or cat rescues two lives at once; and

22 Whereas like Oregonians, shelter dogs and cats are optimists, knowing that a bright future waits
23 ahead; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

24 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, acknowledge Oregon's connection
25 to shelter dogs and cats and designate rescued shelter dogs and cats as the official pet of the State
26 of Oregon.
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