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House Concurrent Resolution 8

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG, Senator SOLLMAN; Representatives BOWMAN, DEXTER, FAHEY, GRAYBER, HUDSON, NERON, NOSSE, RUIZ, Senators PATTERSON, WEBER (Presession filed.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, acknowledge Oregon's connection to shelter dogs and cats and designate rescued shelter dogs and cats as the official pet of the State of Oregon.

Adopted by House January 31, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate February 22, 2023

Rob Wagner, President of Senate