



PROCLAMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NATIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK

- WHEREAS,** in 1996, the United States Humane Society launched the National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week to acknowledge and promote the invaluable roles shelters play in their communities and to increase public awareness of animal welfare issues and shelter services; and
- WHEREAS,** dogs and cats are an integral part of the quality of life of our community, with approximately XXX,XXX pet dogs and XXX,XXX pet cats living in Pinellas County; and
- WHEREAS,** animal shelter employees must respond to the needs of the community, keeping animals and humans safe from harm; and
- WHEREAS,** animal shelters make communities better places to live, taking stray or dangerous animals off the streets and out of harms' way; and
- WHEREAS,** animal shelters help both animals and people in many ways: by returning lost pets to their owners, rescuing injured animals, educating the public, and matching homeless animals with loving new families; and
- WHEREAS,** these partnerships and collaborations working collectively and creatively help to provide safety and resources to survivors, prevent domestic violence incidents and hold perpetrators accountable; and
- WHEREAS,** animal shelters receive important donations of money, goods and volunteer time to assist in their important missions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that the week of November 1st through November 7, 2026, be recognized as

NATIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida to be affixed hereto on this [redacted] day of November 2026.

