

RESOLUTION NO. 97-M-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 23-28, 1997, "JUST FIX IT" WEEK TO PROMOTE THE SPAY AND NEUTERING OF CATS AND DOGS.

WHEREAS, nation-wide approximately 15 to 20 million dogs and cats are killed at Humane Societies and Animal Control shelters;

WHEREAS, one dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in six years, and one cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 cats in seven years;

WHEREAS, this killing of dogs and cats are the direct result from pet overpopulation, and not having enough homes for all of these animals;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Orange County can help end this tragedy by having animals spayed and neutered;

WHEREAS, "Spay Day USA" is a national event supported by: American Humane Association, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, The Animals' Agenda, The Fund for Animals, The Humane Society of the United States, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; National Alliance for Animals, National Animal Control Association, New England Federation of Humane Societies, Pet Food Institute, and Progressive Animal Welfare Society; and sponsored by the Doris Day Animal League;

WHEREAS, "Spay Day USA" is responsible for the sterilization of over 28,000 animals in 1995 and 51,000 in 1996, by participating animal shelters and veterinarians at this annual event;

WHEREAS, "Spay Day USA 1997" is scheduled to take place nation-wide on February 25, 1997;

WHEREAS, 8,302 dogs and cats were killed in fiscal year 1994/1995, and 9,700 dogs and cats were killed in fiscal year 1995/1996, at Orange County Animal Services;

WHEREAS, Orange County Animal Services operates a spay/neuter clinic offering free or low cost sterilizations of dogs and cats;

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners promotes "Citizens First" and encourages Orange County staff to go beyond expectations by being progressive, dedicated, and professional and, therefore, the Board deems it to be in the best interests of the citizens of Orange County to participate in Spay Day as more particularly set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, hereby resolves that:

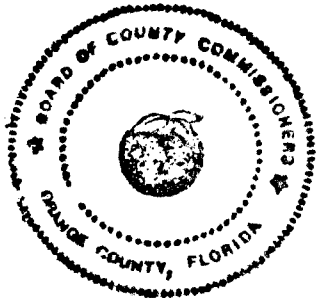
Section 1. February 23-28, 1997 is hereby proclaimed "Just Fix It" Week in Orange County.

Section 2. Orange County pledges to reduce the cost of sterilization surgeries and preventative rabies vaccinations over 50% during "Just Fix It" Week by offering dog spays for \$12.00, dog neuters for \$7.00, cat spays for \$10.00, cat neuters for FREE, and rabies vaccinations for surgery animals for \$2.00, per animal.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners of Orange County encourages and urges the citizens of Orange County to sterilize his/her pet(s) and participate in "Just Fix It" Week.

Section 4. Effect Date. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 1997.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: [Signature]  
County Chairman

DATE: JAN 07 1997

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

BY: [Signature]  
Deputy Clerk

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