Resolution No. 99-M-01

WHEREAS, dogs and cats give companionship to and share the homes of over 50,000,000 individuals in the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, humane societies and shelters euthanize six to eight million dogs and cats each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, simply because there are not enough good homes; and

WHEREAS, the problem of companion animal overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of unwanted dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering dogs and cats has been shown to drastically reduce dog and cat overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 108,000 companion animals through “Spay Day USA” in 1998; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals during “Prevent A Litter Month” and on “Spay Day USA 1999”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Orange County Government, that February 1999 is designated “Prevent A Litter Month” and February 22, 1999 through February 26, 1999, is designated “Spay Week.” The County Chairman is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of Orange County to observe the week by having their own dogs and cats spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying and neutering of another person’s dog or cat.

ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: ____________________________
County Chairman

DATE: JAN 12 1999

Attest: ____________________________
County Comptroller
As Clerk of the County Commissioners

By: ____________________________
Deputy Clerk