

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 106

**Introduced by Assembly Member Muratsuchi
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 106—Relative to the humane treatment of companion animals.

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ACR 106, as introduced, Muratsuchi. Diplomatic relationships: humane treatment of companion animals.

This measure would recognize the humane treatment of companion animals through the eradication of neglect and cruelty and the fostering of kindness and empathy toward companion animals as core principles of the State of California. The measure would encourage any formal declaration of a “sister state” relationship, or similar relationship, between the State of California and a foreign country, state, or city to emphasize those principles as core principles of the State of California. The measure would encourage all parties to the declaration to include in the declaration a joint commitment to promote the humane treatment of companion animals and promote kindness and empathy toward companion animals through laws, resolutions, and policies, and through the humane education of their people.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of California, compassion
- 2 toward companion animals has been fundamental to the cultures
- 3 of its people; and

1 WHEREAS, The policy of the State of California has always
2 been to promote the humane treatment of companion animals by
3 eradicating neglect and cruelty of any kind and fostering kindness
4 and empathy toward companion animals in its people; and

5 WHEREAS, California is a national leader in the humane
6 treatment of companion animals in the implementation of its laws,
7 resolutions, and policies, and in the humane education of its people;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Scientific research has established that the
10 human-animal bond is a mutually beneficial relationship that
11 enriches the lives and improves the health and well-being of
12 companion animals and people alike and is intrinsically linked to
13 respect, kindness, and empathy among people; and

14 WHEREAS, California's national leadership status is of great
15 value in educational, tourism, and cultural exchanges with other
16 states and with foreign countries; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes that the humane
19 treatment of companion animals through the eradication of neglect
20 and cruelty and the fostering of kindness and empathy toward
21 companion animals are core principles of the State of California;
22 and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages any agreement or
24 memorandum of understanding entered into, or resolution adopted,
25 that formally declares a "sister state" relationship, or similar
26 relationship of mutual goodwill and bilateral cooperation, between
27 the State of California and a foreign country, state, or city to
28 emphasize the humane treatment of companion animals and the
29 fostering of kindness and empathy toward companion animals as
30 core principles of the State of California; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all parties declaring
32 a sister state or similar relationship to include, in that declaration,
33 a joint commitment to promote the humane treatment of companion
34 animals and promote kindness and empathy toward companion
35 animals through laws, resolutions, and policies, and through the
36 humane education of their people; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
38 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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