

Date of Hearing: August 15, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 146 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced May 13, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: California Community Cats Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes August 8, 2024, as California Community Cats Day and urges all Californians to observe and promote this day with appropriate activities and programs. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to many animal shelters and organizations whose mission is to protect the welfare of animals, including community cats. Community cats is a term used to describe outdoor, unowned, free-roaming cats that can be tame, feral, healthy, sick, altered, or unaltered.
- 2) Uncontrolled reproduction is a factor in the high population of community cats with some estimates indicating that one unsprayed female cat and her unaltered offspring can produce up to 5,000 cats in seven years.
- 3) Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a nonlethal population control method in which community cat colonies are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and ear-tipped by licensed veterinarians, and then returned to the community from which they came, if safe, or adopted when possible.
- 4) Advocates believe that TNR is most effective in stabilizing and reducing community cat populations, lowering the number of cats in local shelters, and decreasing euthanasia rates.
- 5) Controlling cat populations with the TNR approach has proven effective in reducing nuisance behaviors such as fighting, spraying, excessive noise, and in keeping the community cat population healthier and safer.
- 6) August 8 is recognized as International Cat Day and advocates and supporters celebrate this day with educational programs, activities, and events.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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