Senate Resolution No. 430

BY: Senator MURRAY

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 2-8, 2025, as Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Animal shelters across New York and throughout the United States care for and serve countless pets, providing aid to companion animals and serving as vital resources to their communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 2-8, 2025, as Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, In observance of November 2-8, 2025, as National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, animal shelters should be recognized for serving as safe havens for pets who need to find new homes and providing critical services while working to prevent cruelty to animals, as well as caring for the health and well-being of the animals under their care; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their direct care work of animals, animal shelters partner closely with community organizations and local governments to manage and ensure that lost pets, and pets that can no longer remain in their first homes, are able to be placed in safe and supportive environments; and

WHEREAS, Animal shelters in New York partner with animal rescue groups and citizens who selflessly donate their own time and resources to assist them in their important work of caring for these vulnerable pets; and

WHEREAS, Helpless companion animals depend on humans to intervene when their conditions are untenable, and to find them permanent homes and veterinary care; and

WHEREAS, Together we can support the work of animal shelters across New York State as they work to improve the quality of life of companion animals that need new homes or that are unable to stay in their current conditions; and

WHEREAS, Spreading awareness and showing our appreciation of the efforts of the important and impactful work of animal shelters is a noble effort by this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of the important role that animal shelters play in keeping companion animals in our communities safe and cared-for, and

WHEREAS, More must be done to increase support for animal shelters at the local, State and national levels; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to express appreciation for organizations and the people working within them that serve to bring people together for the united purpose of actively pursuing improvements in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 2-8, 2025, as Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.