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4 RFD: Rules
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CELEBRATING WORLD SPAY DAY ON FEBRUARY 25, 2020.

WHEREAS, World Spay Day, celebrated on the fourth Tuesday of February each year, encourages people to have animals spayed or neutered as a way to prevent free-roaming animals from being put down in a facility or killed on the street; and

WHEREAS, free-roaming cats that are not spayed or neutered face many challenges; through the use of the non-lethal trap-neuter return (TNR) strategy, the number of cats is reduced, which means that euthanasia does not have to be used to control the population of cats; TNR programs evaluate, vaccinate, and sterilize cats before returning them to their locations, and some of the cats are offered for adoption; furthermore, TNR programs have been in existence in Alabama for many years and are often run by volunteers and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the TNR program is highly effective, and several communities in Alabama have implemented the strategy through the Safe Harbor Animal Coalition; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body recognizes February
3 25, 2020, as World Spay Day, and hereby encourages all
4 Alabamians to utilize the non-lethal trap-neuter strategy as
5 the humane and effective way to control the population of
6 free-roaming animals.