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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 419 Session of  
2026

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INTRODUCED BY HARKINS, HANBIDGE, VITALI, PROBST, HOWARD,  
MCNEILL, RIVERA, GREINER, WAXMAN, BRENNAN, SAPPEY, DOUGHERTY,  
SANCHEZ, CIRESI, NEILSON, MAYES AND SHUSTERMAN,  
FEBRUARY 19, 2026

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
FEBRUARY 20, 2026

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 14, 2026, as "Animal Control Officer and  
2 Animal Cruelty Officer Day" in Pennsylvania; and recognizing  
3 the week of April 12 through 18, 2026, as "National Animal  
4 Control Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, Animal control officers and animal cruelty officers  
6 help pets, animals and people in our communities every day  
7 across this Commonwealth and the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, There are 8,300 animal control officers and animal  
9 cruelty officers across the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Officers conduct humane investigations and seek  
11 justice in cases of abuse, neglect and abandoned animals; and

12 WHEREAS, Officers protect animals from abusers as well as  
13 pick up stray and helpless animals; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
15 14, 2026, as "Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Officer  
16 Day" in Pennsylvania and recognize the week of April 12 through  
17 18, 2026, as "National Animal Control Appreciation Week" in

1 Pennsylvania; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in conjunction  
3 with national and State efforts, recognize the contributions and  
4 importance of animal control officers and animal cruelty  
5 officers in this Commonwealth and across the United States.