

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff's Dept. / Animal Serv.		(2) MEETING DATE February 28, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Eric Anderson 781-4400	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve resolution proclaiming February 20, 2006 through April 15, 2006 as San Luis Obispo County Spay Day Promotion – 2006 and February 28, 2006 as "Spay Day USA 2006"					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST The Sheriff's Department requests the recognition of February 28, 2006 through April 15, 2006 as San Luis Obispo County Spay Day Promotion – 2006 and February 28, 2006 as "Spay Day USA 2006."					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION The Sheriff's Department recommends the Board adopt the attached resolution recognizing San Luis Obispo County Spay Day Promotion – 2006 and Spay Day USA 2006.					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST N/A		(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST):					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? <u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, All			(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(15) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			(16) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(17) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			(18) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(19) Administrative Office Review  <i>Vincent M...</i>					

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**San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department**

**Patrick Hedges**

**Sheriff-Coroner**

P.O. Box 32

San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

**Area Code:**  
**(805)**

**TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Administration  
781-4540

**FROM: PATRICK HEDGES, SHERIFF-CORONER**

Animal Services  
781-4400

**DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2006**

Civil  
Enforcement  
781-5484

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2006 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2006, AS SAN LUIS  
OBISPO COUNTY SPAY DAY PROMOTION - 2006 AND  
FEBRUARY 28, 2006 AS "SPAY DAY USA 2006"**

Crime  
Prevention  
781-4547

Custody  
781-4600

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Detectives  
781-4500

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors approve the resolution proclaiming February 20, 2006 through April 15, 2006, as San Luis Obispo County Spay Day Promotion - 2006 and February 28, 2006 as "Spay Day USA 2006."

Patrol  
781-4550

**DISCUSSION:**

Coast Station  
528-6083

Spay Day USA was initiated in 1995 by the Doris Day Animal Foundation as a nationwide campaign designed to focus public attention dealing with problems associated with pet overpopulation and the benefits of having pets spayed or neutered.

Dispatch  
781-4550

North Station  
237-3000

Ongoing community-wide efforts in San Luis Obispo County have been successful in increasing the number of pets altered in the County and educating the public toward more responsible pet ownership. The "Spay Day" campaign in San Luis Obispo County has historically covered several weeks, during which time the Animal Services Division issued spay / neuter assistance vouchers.

South Station  
473-7100

Watch  
Commander  
781-4553

Unfortunately, pet overpopulation continues to be a concern, and healthy dogs and cats continue to be euthanized in our community, as well as across the nation, thus the need for the spay campaign.

Permits  
781-4575

Property  
781-4533

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT:**

Records  
781-4140

The Animal Services Division has worked jointly with many local shelters, humane organizations, veterinarians, and many other individuals in advocating and working toward increased spay and neuter of companion animals.

Warrants  
781-4588

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**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**RESULTS:**

In 2005, Animal Services euthanized 458 dogs and cats at the shelter. Of these animals, only one was considered 'adoptable' under criterion established under Maddie's Fund and Assilomar Accord guidelines. 'Adoptable' equates to lack of space at the facility or per policy decision. Our euthanasia numbers have dropped by 80% when compared to the 1999 euthanasia numbers, when 2,294 dogs and cats were destroyed. Approval of this resolution will help continue promoting public awareness of the importance of spaying and neutering pets and addressing the issue of pet overpopulation.

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**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

\_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 20, 2006 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2006, AS SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SPAY DAY PROMOTION - 2006 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2006, AS "SPAY DAY USA 2006"

**WHEREAS**, in the County of San Luis Obispo 458 dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens were euthanized in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, an euthanasia program must currently be maintained to control the animal problems related to pet overpopulation in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, euthanasia is not an effective, acceptable, or ethical solution to the threats to public health and safety posed by unwanted pets; and

**WHEREAS**, mass euthanasia does not target the actual cause of domestic animal overpopulation; and

**WHEREAS**, responsible pet ownership must include controlled breeding of pets and a universal spay / neuter program; and

**WHEREAS**, a humane approach to this problem requires the County of San Luis Obispo to support programs in an effort to rectify said problem, thereby reducing the number of unwanted pets that would otherwise be euthanized; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that an effective spay / neuter program participated in by all pet owners would greatly reduce the number of unwanted animals and improve the overall health of the county's animal population; and

**WHEREAS**, all Humane Organizations in the County strive for successful education regarding spaying and neutering of pets; and

**WHEREAS**, spaying and neutering is the remedy to the problems created by pet overpopulation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo:

1. Proclaim February 20, 2006 through April 15, 2006, as San Luis Obispo County Spay Day Promotion - 2006 in an effort to present to the citizens of San Luis Obispo County the many benefits of spaying and neutering pets; and

2. Declares, endorses, and supports February 28, 2006, as Spay Day U.S.A. and encourages the citizens of San Luis Obispo County to spay and neuter their pets; and

3. Encourages the alteration and reduced breeding of all cats and dogs owned, harbored, or kept within the County of San Luis Obispo; and

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4. Promotes spaying and neutering to provide for the health, safety and welfare of both the citizens and domestic animals of San Luis Obispo County; and

5. Advocates continued efforts off all Humane Organizations within San Luis Obispo County towards decreasing unplanned and unwanted litters; and

6. Expresses an intention that the tragedy of thousands of abandoned and stray animals and the current euthanasia rate is both unacceptable and preventable in the County of San Luis Obispo,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENCOURAGE THAT THOSE PERSONS, PRIVATE OR COMMERCIAL, AND AGENCIES BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WITH AN INTEREST IN THE BENEVOLENT CARE OF ANIMALS PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION OF SPAYING AND NEUTERING TO THE END THAT FEWER DOGS AND CATS REQUIRE SHELTERING AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ANIMALS IN THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO IS ENHANCED.**

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:  
JAMES B. LINDHOLM, JR.

By:  
Deputy County Counsel

Dated:

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