

TOWN OF BOONTON

Proclamation

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of over 71,000,000 individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, humane societies and shelters have to euthanize approximately four million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical resources such as money, space, and good adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, the problem of pet overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless cats and dogs; and

WHEREAS, through the Parsipanny Animal Supporters Society's "Trap, Neuter & Release Program", the Town of Boonton saved over \$13,000 during the past two years; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 20,000 companion animals through "Spay Day USA" in 2007; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals on "Spay Day USA 2008":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cyril Wekilsky, Mayor of the Town of Boonton, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2008 to be designated "Spay Day USA", and call upon the people of the Town of Boonton to observe the day by having their own cats or dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog.