**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Ohio Animal Week will bring communities together to honor the human-animal bond and promote kindness to all animals; and

**WHEREAS,** during Ohio Animal Week, animal shelters, humane societies, animal rescue organizations, youth groups, libraries, wildlife centers, sanctuaries, and businesses, will host educational and interactive events, adoption days, spay/neuter clinics, and benefits to celebrate and advocate for all animals; and

**WHEREAS,** during this week, the contribution of therapy and service animals, and law enforcement horses and dogs will be emphasized through hospital and nursing home visits and demonstrations; and

**WHEREAS,** Ohio Animal Week will shed light on the overpopulation of dogs, cats, and equines and the importance of adoption from animal shelters and rescues; and

**WHEREAS,** animals bring joy and love to many people across Ohio by providing companionship, therapy, protection, and service; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, (official name), (mayor, city council, county commissioners), do hereby proclaim June 7-13, 2015, as

**Ohio Animal Week**