

**Alachua County Florida**  
**A Proclamation**

**Declaring "February 23, 2010 as Spay Day"  
in Alachua County, Florida**

**Whereas,** *pets provide companionship to more than 71,000,000 households in the United States; and*

**Whereas,** *animal shelters have euthanized more than 4 million cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals each year, many of whom are healthy and adoptable, due to a critical lack of resources and public awareness; and*

**Whereas,** *this tragic overpopulation of pets costs taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually; and*

**Whereas,** *spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets and feral cats, proving to be a wise investment in saving lives and taxpayer dollars; and*

**Whereas,** *veterinarians, national and local animal organizations, community spay/neuter clinics such as Operation Catnip and Operation PetSnip, and private citizens have joined together to advocate the sterilization of pets and feral cats on "SPAY DAY" in 2010*

**Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim February 23, 2010 as "Spay Day" in Alachua County, Florida.**

*Duly proclaimed this 23rd day of February, A.D., 2010.*

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair*

ATTEST:

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*J.K. Irby, Clerk*