

## **SPAY DAY-CROSSVILLE 2017**

**WHEREAS,** pets provide companionship to 65% of households in the United States, but nearly 90% of pets living in poverty and 98% of community (feral and stray) cats are unaltered; and

**WHEREAS,** 2.4 million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters each year due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness, spaying; and

**WHEREAS,** spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals who are put down in animal shelters; and

**WHEREAS,** there are local programs that assist with the cost of spaying or neutering pets living in poverty and community cats; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Crossville desires to emphasize the need for veterinarians, local animal protection organizations, and private citizens to join together to advocate the spaying or neutering of pets and community cats throughout 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, James S. Mayberry, Mayor of the City of Crossville, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2017 as **SPAY DAY-Crossville 2017** Crossville, Tennessee and calling upon the people of Crossville to observe the day by committing to having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of a pet in need.