

## **WORLD SPAY DAY**

**WHEREAS,** pets provide companionship to 68% of households in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** nearly 3 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; and

**WHEREAS,** nearly 90% of pets living in poverty, and 98% of community (feral and stray) cats are unaltered; and

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

**WHEREAS,** programs exist to assist with the cost of spaying or neutering pets living in poverty and community cats; and

**WHEREAS,** veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 68,000 pets and community cats through “World Spay Day” in the United States in 2014 and have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and feral cats on “World Spay Day 2015”;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, James S. Mayberry, Mayor of the City of Crossville, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 24, 2015 as **WORLD SPAY DAY** in Crossville, Tennessee and ask the citizens of Crossville to observe the day by having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person’s pet or of an animal in a shelter awaiting adoption.