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HR-45 (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 45

Introduced by Assembly Member Castillo

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June 04, 2025

Relative to Animal Rights Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 45, as introduced, Castillo.

WHEREAS, Animals play a significant role in the lives of Californians, from household pets and service animals to livestock and working animals, and their proper care is a reflection of responsible stewardship and community values; and

WHEREAS, Humans have a unique role and responsibility in overseeing the well-being of the animals under their care, ensuring that they are treated humanely and not subjected to unnecessary harm or neglect; and

WHEREAS, California law has long recognized that the humane treatment of animals is not only a moral responsibility, but one that promotes public health, safety, and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Animal Rights Awareness Week promotes education on proper animal care, the importance of preventing cruelty, and the value of responsible ownership, particularly for pets and livestock; and

WHEREAS, Local animal shelters, nonprofit organizations, and veterinary professionals provide essential services, including rescue, adoption, treatment, and education, and often operate with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, Continued investment in animal welfare infrastructure, including appropriate funding for shelters, local enforcement of anticruelty laws, and public education about the importance of spaying and neutering pets, will ensure that animals are properly cared for in every community across the state; and

WHEREAS, A culture of stewardship encourages respect for life, accountability among animal owners, and a shared commitment to ethical standards that serve the interests of both people and animals; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the nationally recognized observance of Animal Rights Awareness Week during the third week of June, it is fitting for California to join in raising awareness of the responsibilities we hold toward the animals entrusted to our care; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly hereby proclaims the week of June 15, 2025, as Animal Rights Awareness Week in the State of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly encourages Californians to engage in responsible pet and livestock care, support local efforts that promote humane treatment, and advocate for balanced public policies that strengthen both animal welfare and community well-being; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to animal welfare organizations and local governments as an expression of the Assembly's support for responsible animal stewardship across the state.

REVISIONS:

Heading—Line 2.