

2006 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Designating the last full week of September, in 2006 and in each succeeding year, as "Responsible Dog Ownership Week in Virginia."

Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2006
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2006

WHEREAS, pet ownership is more widespread in the United States today than in any other period in history and more prevalent than in any other country in the world; over 50 percent of American households have pets with 36 percent owning a dog; and

WHEREAS, pets, especially dogs, give humankind a sense of steadfastness and security as aides to persons with disability or infirmity, partners in sport and recreation, companions to the lonely and those in need, friends to children, and as loving and loyal members of families throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, dog clubs and pet-related organizations across the nation support community events during the month of September that publicly promote responsible dog ownership; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and understanding of the importance of developing educated, respectful, and responsible pet owners improves the health and safety of the canine population, as well as reduces the number of injuries to citizens by dogs that are not properly supervised and maintained; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly designate the last full week of September, in 2006 and in each succeeding year, as "Responsible Dog Ownership Week in Virginia"; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly encourage Virginians to observe this week by participating in appropriate programs and activities that heighten public awareness of the responsibilities related to dog ownership; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the Senate post the designation of this week on the General Assembly's website.

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