

*Adrean*  
**A RESOLUTION  
BY COUNCILMEMBER YOLANDA ADREAN**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE BILL 253 TO RESTORE FUNDS FROM LICENSE PLATE SALES TO THE DOG AND CAT STERILIZATION PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, dog and cat overpopulation is a serious issue in all areas of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, thousands of healthy, friendly dogs and cats are euthanized in Georgia's animal shelters because they have been allowed to stray and breed and there are not enough homes for these excess animals; and

**WHEREAS**, stray dogs and cats pose a public health risk through the spread of diseases such as rabies, a serious public safety threat to the community, and also cause a tax burden on the City to protect the public from stray dogs and cats that become dangerous or vicious; and

**WHEREAS**, sterilization is the solution to dog and cat overpopulation as it reduces the number of strays as well as the numbers housed and killed in shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002 the Dog and Cat Sterilization Program (DCSP), administered by the Georgia Department of Agriculture under Commissioner Gary Black, was established by a constitutional amendment approved by a large majority of Georgia voters; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a program supported by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, Georgia Canine Coalition, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Sheriff's Association, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, the Humane Association of Georgia, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the program had been diverted since the economic recession; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, \$10 of \$60 on the sale of a Dog and Cat License Plate and \$10 of \$35 on a renewal goes towards the grant program;

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia General Assembly has introduced House Bill 253 which would increase the funding to \$19 of \$25 on the sale of a Dog and Cat License Plate and \$20 of \$25 on a renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of this bill would positively impact the community in terms of public safety, public health, and tax burdens on the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Atlanta City Council supports House Bill 253.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, upon passage of this legislation, the Municipal Clerk shall distribute copies of this to all members of the Georgia General Assembly.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are waived to the extent of the conflict.

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*Yolanda Adrean*

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**First Reading**

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred To \_\_\_\_\_

**FINAL COUNCIL ACTION**

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- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1<sup>ST</sup> ADOPT 2<sup>ND</sup> READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred: *2/8/17*  
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**MAYOR'S ACTION**