

STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
RESOLUTION FOR  
"NATIONAL PREVENT A LITTER MONTH"

OCTOBER 9, 1987

MR. PRESIDENT, TODAY I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE  
A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1988,  
AS "NATIONAL PREVENT A LITTER MONTH."





THIS RESOLUTION ADDRESSES THE NATIONWIDE  
CRISIS OF PET OVERPOPULATION, PROMOTES  
RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AND FOCUSES ON THE  
PRIMARY SOLUTION TO THIS TRAGEDY -- THE NEED FOR  
PET OWNERS TO HAVE THEIR DOGS AND CATS SPAYED  
AND NEUTERED.





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REPRESENTATIVE FOLEY IS INTRODUCING COMPANION  
LEGISLATION IN THE HOUSE TO PROMOTE THIS SAME  
DESERVING CAUSE.

PET OWNERS IN THE UNITED STATES ALLOW  
APPROXIMATELY 70,000 PUPPIES AND KITTENS TO BE  
BORN EACH DAY.



ADD THE NUMBER OF PUPPIES AND KITTENS BORN TO  
STRAY OR HOMELESS ANIMALS, AND YOU HAVE AS MANY  
AS 250,000 NEWBORN ANIMALS EVERY TWENTY-FOUR  
HOURS. THERE ARE CLEARLY NOT ENOUGH GOOD  
HOMES FOR THESE ANIMALS. FOR THIS REASON, MANY  
ANIMALS MUST BE DESTROYED IN SHELTERS  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.



AND, THESE MAY BE CONSIDERED LUCKY, SINCE THEY  
ARE SPARED THE SUFFERING OF MALNUTRITION,  
DISEASE, OR INJURY GUARANTEED TO AN ABANDONED  
OR STRAY ANIMAL STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE ON ITS OWN.



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I AM PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THIS PROBLEM  
BECAUSE THE DOLE FAMILY INCLUDES OUR WONDERFUL  
DOG, LEADER, A HOMELESS PET WE ADOPTED FROM AN  
ANIMAL SHELTER. I AM THEREFORE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF  
A MAJOR PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN BEING  
SPONSORED BY THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED  
STATES.



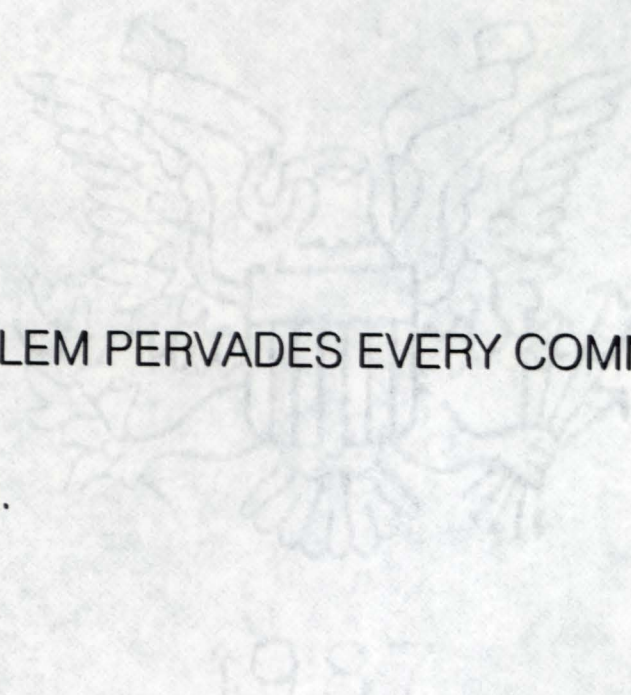


THE CAMPAIGN, "BE A PAL -- PREVENT A LITTER," WILL  
EDUCATE THE PUBLIC TO THE NEED FOR RESPONSIBLE  
PET OWNERSHIP. IT WILL FOCUS ON THE SOLUTIONS TO  
THE TRAGIC PET OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM AND IS  
DESIGNED TO MAKE PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T NEUTERED  
THEIR ANIMALS MORE AWARE OF THEIR NEED TO ACT.



TO BRING EVEN GREATER ATTENTION TO THIS CRISIS,  
THE HUMANE SOCIETY HAS CHOSEN THE MONTH OF  
APRIL AS "PREVENT A LITTER MONTH."

THIS PROBLEM PERVADES EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE  
UNITED STATES.





ACROSS THE COUNTRY ANIMAL WELFARE  
ORGANIZATIONS, SHELTERS, AND COMMUNITIES ARE  
SUCCESSFULLY WORKING TO REDUCE PET  
OVERPOPULATION THROUGH EDUCATION PROGRAMS,  
SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS AND LOCAL ORDINANCES WHICH  
ENCOURAGE SPAYING AND NEUTERING. BUT MUCH  
REMAINS TO BE DONE.





THE SENATE CAN PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THIS  
WORTHWHILE EDUCATIONAL EFFORT BY DECLARING  
APRIL AS "NATIONAL PREVENT A LITTER MONTH."

MR. PRESIDENT, I ASK THAT THE RESOLUTION AND  
MY STATEMENT BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD.



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