

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS IN SUPPORT OF
SENATE BILL 250 (THE PET RESPONSIBILITY ACT)**

WHEREAS, the State of California spends over \$250 million each year housing and euthanizing homeless dogs and cats in California; and

WHEREAS, of the approximately one million dogs and cats that enter California's shelters each year, over half are euthanized due to a lack of homes; and

WHEREAS, every dog born in the state of California today has nearly a one in four chance of ultimately becoming homeless and dying in a shelter; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the cats entering California shelters are ultimately euthanized; and

WHEREAS, current law only charges a higher rate to license unaltered cats and dogs but does not require that they be spayed or neutered; and

WHEREAS, proposed Senate Bill 250 would require all dogs to be spayed or neutered unless the owner obtains an unaltered dog license; and

WHEREAS, SB 250 would also require cats to be spayed or neutered if they are allowed to wander outdoors; and

WHEREAS, SB 250 will encourage responsible pet ownership and reduce animal overpopulation in California and Milpitas.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby voices its support of SB 250 and encourages the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California to adopt and sign SB 250 and make it law in the State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

Robert Livengood, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael J. Ogaz, City Attorney