

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-056
CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, SPOKANE COUNTY,
WASHINGTON CONCERNING A COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT TO ELIMINATE
EUTHANASIA AS A FORM OF PET OVERPOPULATION CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the animal shelters throughout Spokane County handle thousands of animals each year who are lost, abandoned or homeless;

WHEREAS, despite the shelters; and rescue groups' best efforts to identify and reunite the pets with their owners or find good homes for the remaining animals, hundreds of pets are left with no where to go and;

WHEREAS, the shelters are then forced to euthanize hundreds of these healthy, adoptable animals every year and;

WHEREAS, communities have proven that organized and intensive pet licensing, spay and neuter programs and public education programs about the pet over-population problem significantly reduce or essentially eliminate the need to euthanize any adoptable animals and;

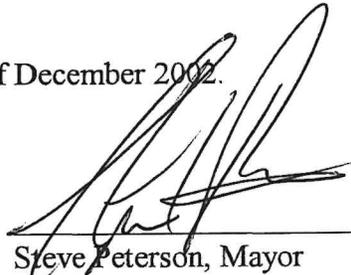
WHEREAS, it is also proven that pet identification in the form of licensing, is a critical tool in helping to return pets to their owners, significantly reduces the number of animals coming to shelters, and provides the revenues necessary to fund animal control, spay and neuter programs, and responsible pet ownership education programs and;

WHEREAS, efforts to promote responsible pet ownership through education and pet licensing will be most effective if conducted by the community working as a team to end euthanasia of adoptable animals and;

WHEREAS, these efforts may also be assisted by the development of one consistent animal control ordinance that ultimately would be adopted by every jurisdiction in Spokane County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington hereby endorses a community-wide effort to eliminate euthanasia as a form of pet overpopulation control and the concept of one, consistent animal control and pet licensing ordinance.

Passed by the City Council this 31st day of December 2002.



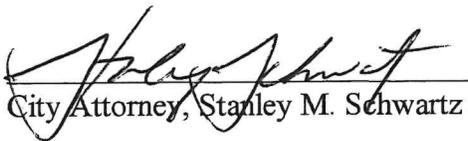
Steve Peterson, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Arlene Fisher

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, Stanley M. Schwartz