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DATE: January 19, 2016
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Renee Johnson, Administrative Assistant
RE: Request for recognition of Iowa Puppy Mill Awareness Day

Tracy Kuehl is a resident of Davenport and a Board member on the Scott County Humane Society. Tracy has sent a request via email asking the Board of Supervisors to recognize February 3rd as Iowa Puppy Mill Awareness Day.

She said this in an email:

I'm a volunteer with Iowa Friends of Companion Animals and we are working state-wide to have February 3 proclaimed Iowa Puppy Mill Awareness Day in Iowa. A copy of the proclamation is attached and our volunteer corp is working to have this read by the Governor's office and board of supervisors across the state. For the team I coordinate, that would include Scott, Clinton and Jackson Counties.

Tracy will be present at the Committee of the Whole to explain the initiative and answer any questions you may have.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 28, 2016

RECOGNITION OF FEBRUARY 3, 2016 AS IOWA PUPPY MILL AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, Iowa's proud agricultural heritage has ingrained a tradition of responsible stewardship of the animals in our care; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide use of dogs as service animals for the handicapped or visually impaired, as vital partners in search-and-rescue efforts, for law-enforcement and military duty, for medical and therapeutic solutions, and other noble roles serves as testimony to the intelligence, devotion, and value of these animals and to the respectful treatment they deserve; and

WHEREAS, these traditions have been compromised in our state by more than 200 large-scale commercial dog-breeding operations, approximately half of which are cited annually for violations to the federal Animal Welfare Act; and

WHEREAS, tolerating the inhumane treatment of adult breeding dogs and the sale of often unhealthy or genetically compromised puppies to consumers in Iowa and other states constitutes an abdication of the responsibilities of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, greater transparency within and oversight of this industry will likely yield greater professionalism and better outcomes for dogs, responsible dog breeders, consumers, and for Iowa's standing among our fellow citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. That the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim February 3, 2016 as Iowa Puppy Mill Awareness Day in Scott County;
- Section 2. That the Board of Supervisors encourages its citizens to support efforts to promote responsible dog breeding;
- Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.