

# Proclamation

## Office of THE MAYOR CITY OF PEARLAND

*Whereas, Cats and dogs provide companionship for over 70 million individuals in the United States, but the population of homeless animals is reaching a crisis proportion as many people are abandoning their animals during this economic downturn; and*

*Whereas, The problem of overpopulation costs tax payers millions of dollars through animal control programs and adoption efforts which are critical to animal overpopulation, however, our humane societies and shelters still must euthanize approximately four million animals each year; and*

*Whereas, It is recognized that the management of this population of former companion animals through promotion of spay-neuter initiatives, the recognition of our many responsible pet owners, and the continued encouragement of our citizens to adopt homeless animals is the most humane approach to pet overpopulation; and*

*Whereas, Veterinarians, humane societies, shelters, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens are working together to create a public awareness campaign to advocate the spaying or neutering of our companion animals as the most cost effective method of addressing our animal overpopulation.*

*Now Therefore I, Tom Reid, By The Power Vested In Me As The Mayor Of The City Of Pearland, Texas, Do Hereby Proclaim The Week Of October 8 - 15, 2011 As*

### **SPAY-NEUTER WEEK**

*In Pearland and I ask all citizens both near and far to join with me as we recognize the Spay-Neuter Week as an outstanding public awareness campaign to encourage all citizens to assist in managing our pet overpopulation and to urge responsible citizens and pet owners to support and participate in this important public awareness program.*

*Given Under My Hand And Seal Of Office This 26<sup>th</sup>  
Day Of September 2011.*



*Tom Reid*

Mayor, The City Of Pearland