

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

DATE OF MEETING: APRIL 7, 2025

TO: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM NUMBER _____

FROM: LANCE METZLER, COUNTY MANAGER

REQUEST: Consider adoption of a Proclamation proclaiming "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month" as April, 2025 in Rockingham County.

FUNDING SOURCE:

- _____ Money is in current budget
- _____ New appropriation requested
- Federal
 - State
 - County
 - Other

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

****ALL REQUESTS THAT REQUIRE BUDGET REVISION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY "BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST" FORM THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER!**

**NORTH CAROLINA
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

**PROCLAMATION
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS MONTH
APRIL 2025**

WHEREAS, Rockingham County recognizes the importance of the health, safety, and well-being of animals; and

WHEREAS, all fifty states have statutes recognizing animal cruelty as a crime; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. Article 47, §14-360 and the Rockingham County Animal Control Ordinance defines animal cruelty, acknowledges it is a crime, and sets forth penalties for the intentional abuse or neglect of animals; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham County endorses appropriate penalties against those proven responsible for the intentional abuse of any animal; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the connection between animal abuse and human violence can help protect those who are vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is recognized nationally as the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Rockingham County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month and urge our citizens to work together to prevent, recognize, and report signs of animal abuse to protect all animals from abuse and neglect.

This 7th day of April, 2025.

Kevin Berger, Chair

ATTEST:

**Susan O. Washburn, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board**