

# National Pet Theft Awareness Day Proclamation

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February 14<sup>th</sup>

Whereas up to two million American pets are stolen each year;

Whereas only 10% of stolen pets are returned home;

Whereas stolen pets may be unlawfully sold to research facilities, dogfighting rings, or puppy mills; killed for their meat; or used in sadistic acts;

Whereas the United States government condemns the unlawful sale of cats, dogs, and other pets;

Whereas the strong bond that exists between humans and their companion animals is well-recognized in our community;

Whereas there are steps citizens can take to protect their pets from theft;

Therefore, I hereby proclaim February 14<sup>th</sup> Pet Theft Awareness Day.

