

WHEREAS, No-Kill shelters play an important role in promoting animal welfare in Arizona and community organizations have set a goal of achieving No-Kill in Arizona in 2025; and

WHEREAS, No-Kill is a community philosophy and commitment to saving every healthy or treatable dog and cat in a shelter who can be saved and where at least 90% of the companion animals that enter its facilities leave alive; and

WHEREAS, 38 of the 61 animal shelters in Arizona are already No-Kill and Arizona's animal shelters can achieve No-Kill if just 6% of Arizonans seeking a pet choose to adopt from a shelter; and

WHEREAS, many loving and healthy animals are waiting for homes in shelters and rescues throughout Arizona, and many Arizona shelters implement proven programs and policies to provide alternatives to the unnecessary killing of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, adoption provides dogs and cats a second chance at life and helps reduce the strain on overcrowded shelters and promoting pet adoption supports animal welfare and encourages responsible pet ownership within the community; and

WHEREAS, Arizonans seeking loving pets should consider adopting from animal shelters and supporting them in other ways such as fostering and volunteering.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 2025, as

## ARIZONA NO-KILL SHELTER MONTH

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this tenth day of December in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE