

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Health  
INITIATED BY



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### Rock County Rabies Awareness Week

- 1 **WHEREAS**, rabies is a disease present in the wildlife of Rock County; and
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- 3 **WHEREAS**, once a human or animal contracts rabies, the disease is always fatal; and
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, wildlife is an important reservoir of rabies for household pets; and
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, animals in Rock County bite approximately 400 persons each year, requiring follow-up
- 8 by law enforcement, health care providers, veterinarians, and the health department; and
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, at least 11 persons were referred to their health care providers for rabies vaccination in
- 11 2013; and
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, approximately 10,000 to 20,000 dogs and cats are not vaccinated in Rock County; and
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- 15 **WHEREAS**, the control and elimination of rabies in cats and dogs through vaccination remains the
- 16 only cost effective way to protect humans from contracting the disease.
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- 18 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 19 on this 10 day of April, 2014 does hereby declare the week of April 20 through
- 20 April 26, 2014 as 'Rock County Rabies Awareness Week', and encourage all cat and dog owners to be
- 21 responsible by having their pets vaccinated for rabies.

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Respectfully submitted,

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