



WHEREAS, no-kill is a community philosophy and commitment to saving every healthy or treatable dog and cat in a shelter and to ensuring that at least 90 percent of the companion animals that enter shelters leave them alive; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, these policies and programs include volunteer foster care networks, adoption programs, medical and behavioral programs, public education and awareness programs, community cat programs, animal socialization programs, and many others; and,

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 2026 as **No-Kill Shelter Month**, in honor of the work shelters are doing across the state to fully reach no-kill status everywhere.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FOURTH day of NOVEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-FIVE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SIXTH.

Alexi Giannouchi
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR