

House Concurrent Resolution 16

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG (at the request of Oregon Humane Society) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Designates rescued shelter dogs as official state dog.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas every year Oregon animal shelters take in tens of thousands of homeless dogs; and

Whereas an army of dedicated shelter staff, volunteers, animal behaviorists and veterinarians work hard to ready these dogs for a second chance at finding their permanent home; and

Whereas Oregonians open their hearts and adopt over 18,000 rescued shelter dogs every year; and

Whereas shelter dogs, like Oregonians, are renowned for their resilience, endurance and ability to overcome adversity; and

Whereas both many shelter dogs and Oregonians have come through unimaginable hardship but look to the future with hope and strength; and

Whereas in the diversity of shelter dogs, which are of every shape and size and from every background, Oregonians see a reflection of themselves; and

Whereas because shelter dogs embody all breeds, as Oregon's state dog they would represent the choice of all dog lovers in this state; and

Whereas like Oregonians, shelter dogs are eager to leave their indoor confines and join their friends in the freedom, beauty and adventure of Oregon's great outdoors; and

Whereas Oregon is the land of the second chance, something every shelter dog deserves; and

Whereas shelter dogs remind us that second chances are worth it; and

Whereas Oregonians know that adopting a shelter dog rescues two lives at once; and

Whereas shelter dogs and Oregonians are optimists, knowing that a bright future waits ahead; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, acknowledge Oregon's connection to shelter dogs and designate rescued shelter dogs as the official dog of the State of Oregon.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.