



# CITY OF MONROE

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## PROCLAMATION CREATING ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

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**WHEREAS**, the humane care and welfare of animals in the City of Monroe is a concern and should be a concern of all residents in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, all dogs, cats, and other animals in the City should receive humane housing, food, and care throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, currently the City of Monroe has an Animal Control Ordinance enforced by dedicated and caring Animal Control Officers in the Monroe Police Department; and

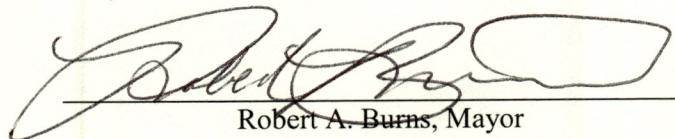
**WHEREAS**, residents of Monroe express concerns about the perceived growth in the number of animals and whether animals, including dogs and cats, are receiving humane treatment and care; and

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor of the City of Monroe, it is my desire to form a committee involving the Monroe Police Department and Animal Control, nonprofit agencies involved in animal welfare, local ministries, and residents to investigate and make recommendations to the Monroe City Council on the current status of animal welfare and the adequacy of the City's effort in animal control.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert A. Burns, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor and pursuant to §32.300 of the Monroe Code of Ordinances do hereby create and establish the Animal Welfare Committee as a Mayoral Committee of the City of Monroe. The purpose of the Committee is to investigate the status of the animal population in the City and the humane treatment of animals, especially dogs and cats, in the City and make recommendations to the Monroe City Council regarding services needed, adequacy of the City's Animal Control Ordinance, and make recommendations for changes to the Ordinance or animal welfare services provided by the City, and any other matters the Committee deems relevant. The Committee shall have up to twelve (12) months in which to conduct its business and make a final report with recommendations to City Council.

The Animal Welfare Committee shall be composed of one (1) sitting City Council member who shall also serve as Chair and voting member of the Committee. In addition, there shall be up to four (4) non-Council members representing various governmental agencies including members of the Monroe Police Department, non-profit agencies providing animal welfare services, faith ministries, and residents at large, each of which to be appointed as required by Ordinance. The Committee shall be considered a public body and subject to all rules and regulations contained in the North Carolina Open Meetings Law (G.S. 143-318.10 et seq.).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Monroe to be affixed this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2024.



Robert A. Burns, Mayor

