

Official Proclamation on
“Be Kind to Animals Week®”

Whereas: We have been endowed with a moral obligation to protect animals from pain, fear, and suffering; and

Whereas: Humane education is an important resource for instilling virtues of kindness, compassion, and respect in children; and

Whereas: American Humane's “Be Kind to Animals Week®” is the oldest commemorative week in American history and has taught generations of schoolchildren these important values since 1915, making it the longest-running humane education effort in the nation’s history; and

Whereas: The first full week of May starting on a Sunday has been set by Congress as the annual celebration of the national observance celebrating the importance of kindness to animals

Therefore: By virtue of the power vested in me as **TITLE** of **MUNICIPALITY/STATE**, I do hereby proclaim and pronounce the week of May 7-13, 2017 as the national observance of “Be Kind to Animals Week” and do heartily commend to all our citizens full participation in the events and activities related thereto on American Humane's **Kindness100.org** website and in this community.

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