STATE OF ALABAMA)
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MARSHALL COUNTY)

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDING PUBLIC PURPOSE OF DONATIONS FROM PUBLIC TO COVER ADOPTION FEES FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Commission is charged under the Code of Alabama with maintaining and operating an animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Commission allocates more than Three Hundred Thousand dollars annually for the maintenance, upkeep, medical treatment and possible euthanasia of dogs, for the employment of an Animal Control Officer, and for the operation of the Marshall County Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2023, the Marshall County Commission adopted its Standard Operating Procedures for the Marshall County Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, under the Standard Operating Procedures, as adopted, any animal in the Marshall County Animal Shelter that has not been adopted after sixty (60) days in the animal shelter will be euthanized; and

WHEREAS, every effort is made by the County to prevent the euthanization of an otherwise healthy and safe animal; and

WHEREAS, without the efforts of animal advocates, volunteers and donors, many healthy and safe animals would face possible euthanasia for a lack of adequate space, after sixty (60) days in the animal shelter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Marshall County Commission, that the public good is served when generous donations are received by citizens to support the operation of the Marshall County Animal Shelter and to aid in animal adoptions. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that donations made to cover adoption fees charged by the County serve a vital public purpose by reducing the animal population in the Marshall County Animal Shelter thereby reduce the financial burden to the Marshall County Taxpayer associated with the maintenance, upkeep, medical treatment and possible euthanasia of animals, and for the operation of the Marshall County Animal Shelter.

Approved this the 8th day of November, 2023.

James Hutcheson, Commission Chair

LEE SIMS District 3

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