

# State of New Jersey



## THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

### JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator CRUZ-PEREZ and Assemblywoman JONES

**WHEREAS**, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to honor Sweet Pea, a highly esteemed canine member of the Garden State community, who has been designated as the Official Face of Dogfighting Awareness; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sweet Pea, an aptly named pit bull, suffered cruelty in the horrific dog fighting arena as a bait dog before she was abandoned at a Camden City garbage site in April of 2015, just months before legislation that criminalized dog fighting was signed in this State; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sweet Pea was eventually rescued by the New Jersey Aid for Animals, a praiseworthy entity that facilitated her hospitalization and guided her through rehabilitation with daily swimming exercises; and,

**WHEREAS**, Owing to her gentle nature, Sweet Pea courageously endured and became a champion of other abused animals, with leftover donations for her care being turned into a fund in her name at Mount Laurel Animal Hospital; and,

**WHEREAS**, The strength and success of the State of New Jersey and the vitality of our communities depend, in great measure, upon our beloved companions, exemplified by Sweet Pea, whose stories of patience and triumph informed by love bear witness to our obligations of compassion and understanding towards one another; and,

**WHEREAS**, It is altogether proper and fitting for this Legislature to pause in its deliberations to recognize Sweet Pea, whose uncommon perseverance has provided an inspiration to this Legislature and to the people of this State; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

That this Legislature hereby lauds Sweet Pea and her remarkable spirit, and pays tribute to the meritorious record of service, commitment, and leadership exhibited by the members of and leaders within New Jersey Aid for Animals; and,

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Sweet Pea.

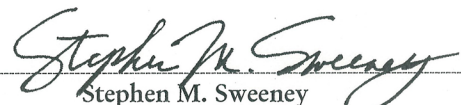
Attest:




Linda Metzger  
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Murley  
Clerk of the General Assembly

  
Stephen M. Sweeney  
President of the Senate

  
Craig J. Coughlin  
Speaker of the General Assembly