

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, communities have recognized the importance of animal control since 1797, when Massachusetts enacted laws to reduce dangers from unregulated dogs and began dog licensing programs; and

WHEREAS, the role of animal control officers - once known as “dog catchers” - has grown into a professional and essential public service, focused on public safety, animal welfare, and community education; and

WHEREAS, the National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA), founded in 1978, has advanced training, support, and professional standards nationwide, including programs on chemical immobilization, humane euthanasia, and city program evaluations; and

WHEREAS, animal control officers work diligently to protect the health and safety of people and animals, often under challenging and emotionally demanding conditions; and

WHEREAS, Brazoria County recognizes and commends the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office Animal Welfare Unit personnel who answer calls for assistance, capture roaming, and potentially dangerous animals, and care for the animals within their custody.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Brazoria County does hereby proclaim April 13, 2025 to April 19, 2025 as

## **ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK**

in Brazoria County. Further, we urge our citizens to recognize and honor the dedication of these public servants.

APPROVED this 8th day of April, 2025.

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Brazoria County Judge

L. M. “Matt” Sebesta, Jr.

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