

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING MARCH "ESPANOLA PIT FIX MONTH" AT THE SENATE.

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4 WHEREAS, in some communities, such as Espanola, pit
5 bulls are overrepresented among the dogs that are euthanized
6 because they do not find suitable homes; and

7 WHEREAS, in Espanola, the euthanasia rate for pit bulls
8 is three and one-half times the euthanasia rate for all other
9 dogs; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2008, one hundred twelve pit bulls that were
11 taken in by the Espanola Valley humane society did not find
12 homes; and

13 WHEREAS, the average cost to animal shelters for
14 handling each homeless animal is one hundred seventy-six
15 dollars (\$176); and

16 WHEREAS, the spaying and neutering of cats and dogs has
17 been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, spaying and neutering programs have been shown
20 to be more cost-effective than euthanasia in countering the
21 homeless animal crisis; and

22 WHEREAS, the Espanola Valley humane society and saving
23 animals New Mexico are offering free spaying and neutering for
24 the pit bulls of Espanola and Rio Arriba county, through a
25 program known as the "Espanola Pit Fix"; and

