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Village Independent Democrats Animal Welfare Resolution

(Endorsement New York State Senate and Assembly bills S4234A | A6298A, S5408 | A3673, S6252 | A8009, and S7542 | A722.)

WHEREAS Village Independent Democrats recognizes animals, both wild and domestic, need special protections under the law,

WHEREAS there has been documented evidence showing breeders and brokers breed kittens, puppies, and rabbits in physically and medically unsafe conditions, often resulting in illness and even death,

WHEREAS wild animals used in circuses have been physically abused by circus personnel,

WHEREAS New York residents do not want slaughterhouses to operate within 1500 feet of their residences,

WHEREAS groups of New York State residents participate in competitions with the objective of killing the largest number of birds for inducements or entertainment,

WHEREAS New York State has a responsibility to act now in leading the nation with common sense meaningful legislation to protect animals,

WHEREAS New York State Senator Michael Gianaris has sponsored Bill S4234A and State Assembly Woman Linda Rosenthal has sponsored the Same As Bill A6298A prohibiting the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits by retail pet shops for the purposes of preventing animal cruelty, and authorizes these retail shops to provide space to showcase animals for adoption by animal rescue organizations,

WHEREAS New York State Senator Monica R. Martinez has sponsored Bill S5408 and State Assemblyman Steve Englebright has sponsored the Same As A3673 prohibiting the issuance of permits authorizing the use of wild animals in circuses,

WHEREAS New York State Senator Michael Gianaris has sponsored Bill S6252 and State Assemblyman David Weprin has sponsored the Same As A8009 prohibiting the licensing of establishments within 1500 feet of a residential dwelling where animals or fowls are slaughtered,



WHEREAS New York State Senator Monica R. Martinez has sponsored Bill S7542 and State Assembly Woman Deborah Glick has sponsored the Same As Bill A722 making animal killing contests, competitions, and tournaments for prizes, inducements, or entertainment unlawful, and

WHEREAS the resolution and the written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board and membership,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Village Independent Democrats endorses New York State Senate and Assembly bills S4234A | A6298A, S5408 | A3673, S6252 | A8009, and S7542 | A722.