

By the Honorable Don Perata, 9th Senatorial District; Relative to Commending the

*Associated Rottweiler Fanciers of Northern California*

WHEREAS, The Rottweiler is believed to be among the most ancient of canine breeds with an origin stemming from Roman times where the duties of guard and drover dog were performed; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Rottweiler breed is grounded in the qualities of loyalty and protection, assisting the soldiers of the Roman Legions with monumental tasks associated with traversing the Alps during the invasion of Europe; and

WHEREAS, The Rottweiler was initially bred solely for its working ability, most notably its proficiency in protecting its master and master's property; and

WHEREAS, The Rottweiler, well-steeped in the sought-after qualities of loyalty and resilience, came to be officially recognized in 1910 as a police dog to assist local law enforcement in the apprehension of violent criminals; and

WHEREAS, This breed is medium-large and robust with a beautiful black and mahogany appearance, and in correct proportion is compactly and powerfully built, indicating great strength, agility, and endurance; and

WHEREAS, The demeanor of this breed is descended from friendly and peaceful stock and by nature is affectionate, obedient, and self-reliant, with a strong focus and fearless character; and

WHEREAS, The popularity of this breed has dramatically increased from near extinction in the early 1900s to approximately 96,000 Rottweiler dogs registered with the American Kennel Club as of 1992; and

WHEREAS, Many organizations, such as the Associated Rottweiler Fanciers of Northern California were conceived with the unbending vision and goal of bringing Rottweiler owners from across Northern California together to promote quality and responsibility in the breeding process and encourage sportsmanship at shows, educate the public about the true nature of the Rottweiler breed, and to protect and enhance their healthy development; and

WHEREAS, The Rottweiler is a devoted and loyal companion and is happiest when given a job to perform such as working as a police dog, a support dog for the handicapped, or herding dog, or simply fetching the morning paper; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR DON PERATA, That he takes great pleasure in commending the members of the Associated Rottweiler Fanciers of Northern California, specifically, Karen and Guy Mazza, Marlene Lore Keene, Kristin Jiminez, Robert and Pat Baston, Jill Kessler, Carol Beasley, Irv and Rose Ploke, Ray Ortiz, Steve Strom, Karen Wenzel, Janet Davis, Vickie Joy Stansberry, Sandra Varela Benzor, Adrian Woodfork, Jenna Bullis, Paula Jensen, Carol Lehman, Emily Lane, Mark Rudy, Victoria Cochran, Yvette Lee, Diana Meier, Darren and Lauri Bobrosky, Ann Glynn, K.C. Goodwin, Robert Hanley, Rory Miller, Michael and Rochi Keith, Daviann Mitchell, Rachel Campbell, Christine Lyons, Henry Ridgeway, Tina Campos, Dr. Susan Hildebrand, Danielle Green, Tammy Langer, Richard Occhipinti, Jeanette Tonini, and Jerry and Deanna Warkentin for their tireless work in ensuring the healthy development and recognition of a breed of dog, the Rottweiler, that has served nobly in many important areas over a long period of time.

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Dated this 24th day of February 1999

Honorable Don Perata

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State of California