

Proclamation


Zack and Thomas Eller "Adopt A Shelter Pet" Day

- WHEREAS,** The City of Milton respects and shares the concerns of residents regarding homeless pets and the importance of having safe homes and shelters for these animals; and
- WHEREAS,** There are 12 million homeless pets in shelters in the United States, and of those 100,000 are euthanized in the metro Atlanta area every year; and
- WHEREAS,** October is National Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month and provides a positive opportunity to bring awareness to the issue and needs of homeless pets and local shelters; and
- WHEREAS,** Zack and Thomas Eller have dedicated their lives to the safety, rescue and welfare of animals by establishing Woof 'Em Down Dog Biscuits in spring 2007, which has gone on to donate more than \$13,000 to homeless pet shelters; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2006, Zack earned the President's Volunteer Service Award, with Thomas following in 2007 and both receiving the award for the last four years; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2008, Zack and Thomas were chosen by Disney's Wondertime Magazine and the non-profit Points of Light Foundation as grand prize winners in the "Littlest Volunteers" contest; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2008, the brothers were also awarded the "Shining World Compassion Award"; and
- WHEREAS,** Zack was named middle school honoree in the "Prudential Spirit of Community" Awards and given the 2009 "Young Hero of North Fulton" Award from the Roswell Rotary Club, plus a citizenship award from the Daughters of the American Revolution; and
- WHEREAS,** Zack was a finalist for the 2010 Humane Teen of the Year Award and received an honorable mention from the Humane Society of the United States and won the local "Kohl's Kids Who Care" contest; and
- WHEREAS,** The brothers continue their volunteer work both with Woof 'Em Down and other endeavors, including Zack recently running the Milton Market, which had its most successful summer yet, and serving on the City of Milton community builder grant selection committee; and
- WHEREAS,** Zack and Thomas Eller are outstanding examples of young students, leaders and volunteers residing in the City of Milton setting a positive example for other youth in the community. Their efforts have helped to motivate other young people in their respective schools and community to get involved and volunteer on behalf of homeless pets and other initiatives, as well.

Now, therefore, We, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton, Georgia, hereby dedicate Monday, October 17 officially as "Zack and Thomas Eller Adopt A Shelter Pet Day" in the City of Milton, Georgia. .

Given under my hand and seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 17th day of October, 2011.





Joe Lockwood, Mayor