



**Composting
Council®**

**Research &
Education Foundation**

PROCLAMATION

International Compost Awareness Week, May 7-13, 2017

Whereas, the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation, along with Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom have declared the first week of May to be the annual International Composting Awareness Week;

Whereas, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil is a way of conserving water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution; and a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion;

Whereas, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse and recycling; and since organic materials make up approximately 30% of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals;

Whereas, materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures and hay shavings have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost;

Whereas, communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices, and public works professionals, can have significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects;

Whereas, International Compost Awareness Week is a publicity and education imitative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use; and

Whereas, composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states who implement composting programs; and

Whereas, this year's theme, Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy Food, was selected to highlight the importance of compost in clean, plentiful water and healthy soil.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that does hereby RESOLVE:

That XXX, , in recognition of the efforts of the Composting Councils, Extension Agents, soil conservation stewards, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere, hereby proclaim the week of *May 7-13, 2017* as International Compost Awareness Week.