PROCLAMATION
International Compost Awareness Week
May 2 – 8, 2021

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

Whereas, composting returns organic resources to the soil, promotes water conservation during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reduces water consumption and non-point pollution, stores carbon in soils reducing climate impacts and is a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion;

Whereas, composting is an effective method organic materials make up approximately 30% of the material going to landfills and has become 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 are all composted and converted into compost;

Whereas, communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices, and public works professionals, have significant impacted 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 “Grow, Eat…COMPOST…Repeat” is based on the circular movement of the organics recycling process flowing from farm to table to farm again. This circular process turns organic materials that came from soils back to soils creating healthy soils leading to more nutrient dense fruits and vegetables. Organics wastes from these materials, go back to composting and the process starts again. The 2012 theme empowers everyone to recognize and promote the importance of composting and the use of compost in growing healthier food, supporting healthier soils, mitigating climate change and, ultimately, creating a more just and sustainable world.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that (state/city) does hereby RESOLVE:

That (state/city) in recognition of the efforts of the Composting Council Research & Education Foundation, extension agents, soil conservation stewards, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere, hereby proclaim the week of May 2 – 8, 2021 as International Compost Awareness Week.