PROCLAMATION

International Compost Awareness Week
May 3 – 9, 2020

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 is a way of returning organic resources to the soil and 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 Soil Loves Compost was selected to highlight the connection between compost use and soil health. This year’s theme is based on the idea that Soil Loves Compost because compost feeds soil! Soil is alive and needs nourishment to be healthy. With healthy soil you grow healthy plants. Soil Loves Compost because it provides food and nutrients for living microbes that make up healthy soil. Without compost we would have few ways to enrich and restore soil. Compost keeps soil strong and healthy by reusing and recycling organic materials in a “zero waste” cycle.

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

That XXX, , 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 3 – 9, 2020 as International Compost Awareness Week.