

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution Proclaiming May 2 - 8, 2010 as Compost Awareness Week

WHEREAS, the Composting Councils of Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, and the United States have declared the first week of May to be the annual International Composting Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, organic materials suitable for composting represent up to 70% of materials that could be land filled each year and composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse and recycling; and, home composting and mulching is a way householders can reduce the volume of waste generated at home by taking individual responsibility for keeping waste reduction costs down; and

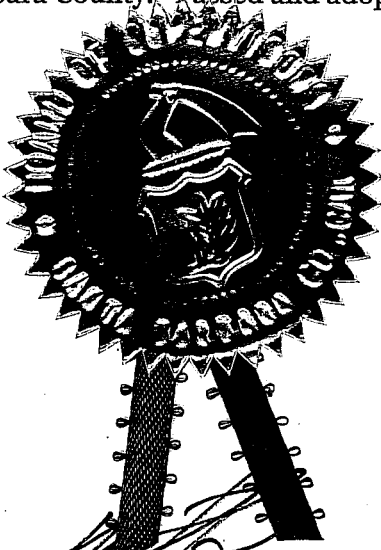
WHEREAS, compost improves the soil structure, reduces erosion and run-off, supplies soil with a variety of macro and micro nutrients; and enables compost amended soils to use less water, and using sustainable soil-enriching composts helps prevent erosion of valuable topsoil without depleting valuable wildlife habitats, and

WHEREAS, Community Sustainability is enhanced by composting green waste, biosolids, and other organic materials and promoting the use of renewable resources in landscaping, horticulture and agriculture; and composting programs, would benefit from increased awareness of the benefits of adding organic materials to the soil, thereby increasing the demand for compost and mulch products; and

WHEREAS, returning organic resources to the soil is a method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers, decreasing erosion, reducing water consumption, and non point pollution; and


WHEREAS, The County of Santa Barbara has initiated green waste collection programs with their franchise haulers to aid in the efforts of Environmental Sustainability. Engel & Gray Inc. Regional Composting Facility, Santa Maria, and Valley Compost and Topsoil Inc., Buellton, have been successfully composting organic material for sustainable agricultural practices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaim May 2-8, 2010 as "Compost Awareness Week" in Santa Barbara County. Passed and adopted this 4th day of May 2010.

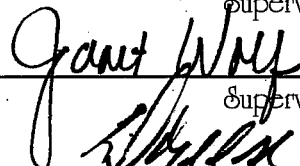


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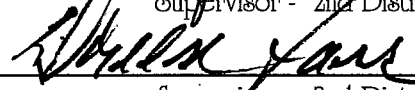

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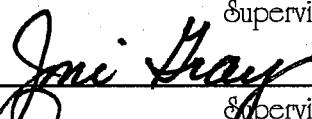
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