



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 4TH-10TH AS COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Compost 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; and

WHEREAS, organic materials suitable for composting represent a large percentage of materials that are landfilled and could be composted each year and composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse and recycling; 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

WHEREAS, 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

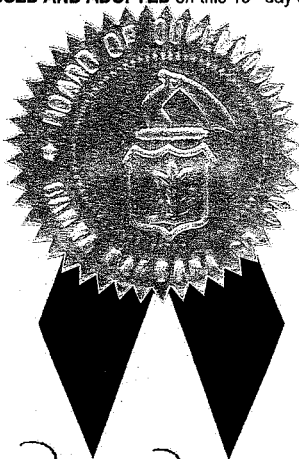
WHEREAS, returning composted organic resources to the soil is a method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers, decreasing erosion, reducing water consumption, and non-point pollution; and

WHEREAS, The County of Santa Barbara has initiated green waste collection programs with their franchise hauler to aid in the efforts of environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Engel & Gray Inc. Regional Composting Facility, Santa Maria, has been successfully composting organic material for sustainable agricultural practices since 1993, and the County has invested in the County Resource Center;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of the efforts of the Composting Councils, Extension Agents, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere, along with Engel & Gray Inc., and Harvest Blend Compost hereby proclaim the week of May 4th - May 10th, 2025, as Compost Awareness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of May, 2025 by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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