

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 E. Anapamu St., Rm. 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101**



***RE: Resolution for placement on the Agenda
for the Board of Supervisors' Meeting***

Prepared on: April 23, 2014

Agenda Date: May 6, 2014

Staff Contact: Sandy Agalos x 8402

***Subject: RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 5-11, 2014
AS COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK***

To be Sponsored by Supervisor: Steve Lavagnino

This resolution will be presented at the meeting.

To be presented to:

**Bob Engel
Engel & Gray, Inc.**

Additional Information:

The last paragraph of the resolution should include the agenda date as follows:

"Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this [day] day of [month] 20[year], by unanimous vote of all members present."

NOTE: PLEASE REDUCE THE COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION TO 11x8 1/2

Please check off if applicable:

_____ A time certain of _____ o'clock am/pm has been approved by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

_____ A reception will be held immediately after the presentation.



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 5-11, 2014 AS COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Composting Councils of Canada, Ireland, 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 landfilled 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 greenwaste biosolids, 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 greenwaste collection programs with its franchise haulers 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this 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 proclaims the week of May 5-11, 2014, as COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK!

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 6th day of May 2014, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Sharon Dreyfus
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District
Janet Wiley
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