



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AS COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, compost improves soil structure, reduces run-off, and enables amended soils to use less water; and

WHEREAS, using sustainable soil-enriching compost helps prevent erosion of topsoil without depleting valuable wildlife habitats; and

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

WHEREAS, community sustainability is enhanced by composting greenwaste, biosolids, and other organic materials; and

WHEREAS, organic materials suitable for composting represent up to 70% of materials that could be landfilled each year; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara has initiated greenwaste collection programs with their franchise haulers to aid in the efforts of environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Engel & Gray's regional composting facility in Santa Maria has been successfully composting organic material for sustainable agricultural practices since 1993.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Compost Awareness Week in Santa Barbara County.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

*Pat Williams*

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