

**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**

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**Prepared on: April 13, 2011**

**Agenda Date: May 3, 2011**

**Staff Contact: Sandy Agalos x8400**

**Subject: Resolution Proclaiming May1-7, 2011 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**

**Additional Information:**

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

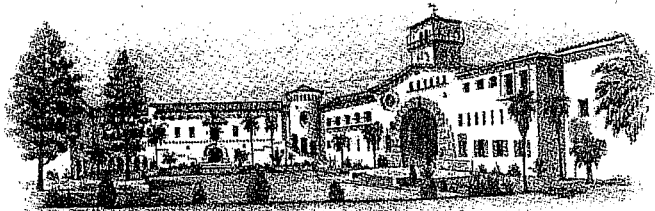
**"Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this [day] day of [month] 19[year], by unanimous vote of all members present."**

**NOTE: PLEASE REDUCE THE COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION TO 11x81/2**

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

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 1-7, 2011  
AS COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

# CALIFORNIA

**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 landfilled 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

**WHEREAS**, 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 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; and 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 proclaims the week of May 1-7, 2011, as **COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK** in Santa Barbara County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2011, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Chandra Waller  
Clerk of the Board

L. J. O'Connell  
Supervisor - 1st District

Jane W. W. [Signature]  
Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

Joni Gray  
Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District