

**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 17, 2012

Agenda Date: May 8, 2012

Staff Contact: Sandy Agalos

Subject: Resolution Proclaiming May 6-12, 2012, 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:

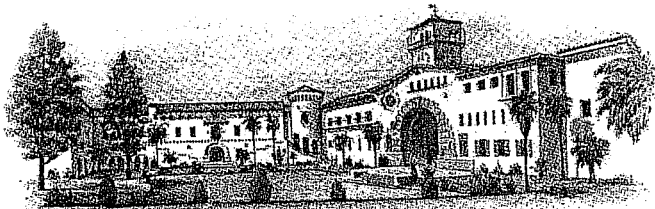
"Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this [day] day of [month] 19[year], by unanimous vote of all members present."

NOTE: PLEASE REDUCE THE COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION TO 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

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 6-12, 2012
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 its 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 6-12, 2012, as **COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK** in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 8th day of May 2012, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Chandra Waller
Clerk of the Board

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

Janet Wray
Supervisor - 2nd District

J. D. ...
Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District