

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING CALIFORNIA

MAY 1-7 AS COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Compost Research & Education Foundation, along with Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United Stated have declared the first full week of May to be the annual International Compost Awareness Week; and

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

WHEREAS, compost improves the soil structure, reduces erosion, supplies soil with a variety of nutrients, and enables compost amended soils to use less water; and

WHEREAS, returning composted organic resources to the soil is a method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and non-point pollution; 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 Inc. been successfully composting organic material for sustainable agricultural practices since 1993;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May  $1^{st} - 7^{th}$  as Compost Awareness Week in the County of Santa Barbara, in recognition of the efforts of the composting councils, extension agents, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, and gardeners everywhere, along with Engel & Gray Inc., and Harvest Blend Compost.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022, by unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST: Monno heyes ato
Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District