

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2019/146

PROCLAIMING MAY 5 – 11, 2019 “INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK” in Contra Costa County.

WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week, a world-wide education initiative that started in Canada in 1995, is the largest and most comprehensive education initiative of the compost industry. The goal of the program is to raise awareness around the benefits of using compost to improve or maintain high quality soil, to grow healthy plants, reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides, improve water quality and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the State Water Resources Control Board, the State Air Resources Board, and the Department of Food and Agriculture, have developed and implemented policies to aid in diverting organic waste from landfills by promoting the use of agricultural, forestry, and urban organic waste as a feedstock for composting and by promoting the appropriate use of that compost throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil and is a way of conserving water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution; and a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion; and

WHEREAS, composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities, counties and states that implement composting programs; and

WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials make up approximately 30 percent of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, composting is recognized by the State Air Resources Board as an important tool to sequester massive amounts of carbon in California’s soils to help immediately reverse global warming; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme Cool the Climate – Compost!, was selected to highlight the connection between soil health and the climate. Soil plays an important role in our environment. Healthy soil is at the heart of planetary, agricultural and human health. This year's theme shows the relationship between soil management practices with compost is key to soil health and mitigating climate change. By composting, we return nutrients to the soil, help capture carbon from the atmosphere, resist drought and disease and provide fresh air.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors in recognition of the efforts of public agencies, non-governmental organizations, soil conservation stewards, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere, does hereby proclaim the week of May 5 - 11, 2019 as International Compost Awareness Week in Contra Costa County.

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Chair, District I Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an
action taken
and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on
the date
shown.

ATTESTED: May 7, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy