

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

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

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

WHEREAS, materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost; and

WHEREAS, communities can have a significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost; and

WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week is an education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use; and

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

WHEREAS, this year's theme is Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost, which highlights composting in all kinds of communities at any scale, recognizes composting as an essential element in developing a sustainable resources management plan for any community and empowers communities to manage their own waste, create job opportunities, and support healthy soils with locally-made compost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of May 4-10, 2025, as

“INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK”

in recognition of the benefits of composting to create more resilient neighborhoods and a more sustainable future for our communitites.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 24th day of April 2025.**