

**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 COMPOST...Nature's Climate Champion, which highlights the role compost plays in fighting climate change, which includes decreasing methane, helping with climate change mitigation, reducing fertilizer inputs, and increasing resilience.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of May 5-11, 2024, as

***“INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK”***

in recognition of the efforts of the Compost Research & Education Foundation, extension agents, soil conservation stewards, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers who use compost to help the environment.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of  
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 25th day of April 2024.**