

MOTION:

**May 4, 2021
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 21-**

SECOND:

RE: DECLARE – WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021 – INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AND PROCLAIM – MAY 8, 2021 – THE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY COMPOST AWARENESS DAY

ACTION:

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

WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling and it has become an effective method in increasing waste diversion goals since yard trimmings and food scraps make up about 30% of the material going into our landfill; and

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

WHEREAS, returning organic resources to the soil is a method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers, decreasing erosion, reducing water consumption, and pollution; and

WHEREAS, Balls Ford Road Yard Waste Composting Facility has been successfully composting yard waste and other organic materials since 1994; and

WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week is a multi-media publicity and education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use; and

WHEREAS, the County has participated in International Compost Awareness Week since 2012, with a Compost Awareness Day event to inform residents about the benefits of compost and to encourage home composting and compost use; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Grow, Eat, COMPOST...Repeat," empowers us to recognize and promote the importance of composting and the use of compost in growing healthier food, supporting healthier soils, and ultimately, creating a more just and sustainable world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby declares the week of May 2, 2021, as International Compost Awareness Week and proclaims May 8, 2021, as the official recognition of Prince William County Compost Awareness Day;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby encourages everyone to learn about composting and to make compost or use compost at home because of the positive effects composting has on soil and lawn health, plant growth, the environment, and waste management.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Director of Public Works

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board