

MOTION:

**April 19, 2022
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 22-**

SECOND:

RE: DECLARE – WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022 – INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AND PROCLAIM – MAY 7, 2022 – 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 a form of waste reduction and recycling and an effective method to increase waste diversion since yard trimmings and food scraps make up about 30 percent of the waste going into the County Landfill; and

WHEREAS, yard trimmings, food scraps, vegetable cuttings, and other organic materials can be converted into compost which is a beneficial product; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby declares the week of May 1, 2022, as International Compost Awareness Week and proclaims May 7, 2022, as the official recognition of Prince William Compost Awareness Day;

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

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Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Director of Public Works

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board