



# Proclamation

*Be it known that*

*Whereas,*

*The Composting Councils of the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom have declared the first week of May to be annual International Composting Awareness Week; 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 use to reach waste diversion goals; and*

*Whereas,*

*Materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, and food scraps have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost; and*

*Whereas,*

*Communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices, and public works professionals, can have significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects;*

*Now, Therefore,*

*I, Steve Adler, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,  
do hereby proclaim*

*May 1-7, 2016*

*as*

*International Compost Awareness Week*

*in Austin.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the seal of the City  
of Austin to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of  
April in the Year Two Thousand Sixteen*



*Steve Adler, Mayor, City of Austin*

