



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS: Composting converts materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings into a beneficial product known as compost; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has banned yard waste from being disposed of with mixed municipal solid waste for over two decades and found in 2013 that organic materials that can be composted make up approximately 30 percent of what Minnesotans throw away; and

WHEREAS: The 2014 Minnesota Legislature increased the recycling goal for metropolitan counties (Stat. § 115A.551) to establish a 75 percent combined recycling and organics goal by 2030 for the Twin Cities Metro area; and

WHEREAS: Composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse and recycling that returns organic resources to the soil which assists in conserving water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution, and a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion; and

WHEREAS: 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; and

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

WHEREAS: This year's theme, Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy Food, was selected to highlight the importance of compost in clean, plentiful water and healthy soil.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 7-Saturday, May 13, 2017, as:

COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28th day of April.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE