



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Composting is an effective form of waste reduction; reuse and recycling; and as organic materials comprise approximately thirty percent of materials going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods for communities to reach waste reduction goals while contributing to a circular economy; and
- WHEREAS:** Composting is a way of returning organic resources to soil to conserve water during extreme droughts or abating flooding conditions thereby reducing water consumption and non-point pollution, decreasing erosion and replenishing soils to grow healthy foods; and
- WHEREAS:** Communities through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation and extension services, and public works professionals can have significant impact on clean water, healthy soil, climate change and landfill diversion by using compost for public works and parks projects as well as for food production; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's compost processing infrastructure is growing at the community scale and large-scale manufacturing levels, creating green jobs and expanding infrastructure for cities, counties and businesses looking to divert organic material to a higher beneficial use; and
- WHEREAS:** The US Compost Research and Education Foundation has declared May 3-9, 2026, as International Compost Awareness Week to be facilitated locally by the Georgia Composting Council, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Solid Waste Association of North America Georgia Chapter supporting local efforts to improve awareness and accessibility of compost resources, now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026, as COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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