

State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, composting creates jobs and business opportunities through more than 190 regulated facilities in New York State that process more than 700,000 tons of organic material; and

Whereas, organic materials make up approximately 30 percent of the municipal waste stream; and

Whereas, composting and organic material diversion help New York State achieve progressive waste reduction goals as outlined in Beyond Waste, New York State's solid waste management plan, by reducing the amount of discarded materials sent for incineration and landfill disposal; and

Whereas, composting and organic material diversion is a key strategy in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as required by New York State's ambitious Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act; and

Whereas, composting is an effective and beneficial management option for a variety of organic materials including yard trimmings, food scraps, biosolids, manure, and agricultural byproducts; and

Whereas, composting converts these materials into a nutrient rich soil amendment that communities can use to promote soil fertility and productivity, improve water quality, reduce stormwater runoff and soil erosion, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through carbon sequestration; and

Whereas, Compost Awareness Week is an opportunity to showcase New York State's wide range of composting initiatives and compost products, and the beneficial use of these products in landscapes across the state and beyond; and

Whereas, the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation of the United States, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom have declared the first full week of May to be the annual International Compost Awareness Week; and

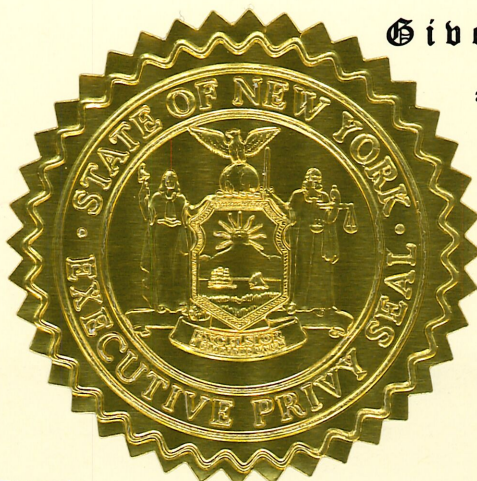
Whereas, New York State joins International Compost Awareness Week theme "Grow, Eat...Compost...Repeat!" empowering us to recognize and promote the importance of composting, the circular movement of organics, and the use of compost in growing healthier food, supporting healthier soils, and ultimately creating a more just and sustainable world;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2 - 8, 2021 as

NEW YORK COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

in the Empire State, with a commitment to expand the use of composting to maintain high quality soil, grow healthy plants, reduce the use of fertilizer and pesticides, and improve water quality in New York State.

G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-seventh
day of April in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa