



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil to conserve water during extreme drought or abating flooding conditions thereby reducing water consumption and non-point pollution, decreasing erosion; and replenishing soils to grow healthy foods; and

WHEREAS: Composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse and recycling, and since organic materials make up approximately 30 percent of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals; 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 and food production; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's organics 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 waste to a higher beneficial use; and

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

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2019, 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 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF