

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION expressing Jackson County's support and recognition of the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation.

RESOLUTION NO. 19809, April 2, 2018

INTRODUCED BY Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Garry J. Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds, and Theresa Galvin, County Legislators

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

WHEREAS, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil to conserve water during extreme drought or flooding conditions and reducing water consumption and non-point pollution; and,

WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling and, since organic materials make up approximately thirty percent 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, bio-solids, food scraps, manures, and hay shaving 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 professional, 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 a publicity and education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use; and,

WHEREAS, composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting programs; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme, *Compost! Building a Better Future*, was selected to highlight the importance of compost in clean, plentiful water, and healthy soil for now and for the future; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby proclaims its recognition of the efforts of the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation, extension agents, soil conservation stewards, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby proclaims the week of May 6-12, 2018, as International Compost Awareness Week.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 19809 of April 2, 2018, was duly passed on April 2, 2018 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

4.2.18
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature