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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Composting is an effective form of waste
3 reduction, reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials
4 make up approximately 30-40 percent of the material going to
5 landfills, composting is a primary method communities can use
6 to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable
7 communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Organic residual materials, including yard
9 trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps,
10 manures, and hay shavings, have been composted and converted
11 into a beneficial product known as compost; and

12 WHEREAS, Returning organic resources, remanufactured into
13 compost, to the soil reduces water consumption by over 30
14 percent for all soil types, conserves water during extreme
15 drought or flooding conditions, decreases dependence on
16 chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and decreases erosion and
17 nonpoint source pollution; and

18 WHEREAS, Communities, through their local governments,
19 highway departments, soil and water conservation districts,
20 and public works professionals, can have positive impacts on
21 clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by
22 using compost for public works projects; and

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

3 WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week, scheduled
4 for May 4-10, 2025, is a multimedia publicity and educational
5 initiative designed to showcase compost production and
6 demonstrate compost use and is supported by compost industry
7 organizations from around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, The theme for 2025 is "Sustainable Communities
9 Begin With Compost!"; it recognizes and promotes the
10 importance of composting and the use of compost in growing
11 healthier food, in supporting healthier soils, and,
12 ultimately, in creating a more just and sustainable world;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we declare the week of May 4 through May 10, 2025 as "Compost
17 Awareness Week" in the State of Illinois.