

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE
WEEK OF MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 8, 2021, AS
INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK
IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. 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; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manure, and hay shavings have all been composted and converted in Oklahoma into a beneficial product known as compost; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil and a way to conserve water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution and a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse and recycling and since organic materials make up approximately 30% of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods Oklahoma communities can use to reach waste diversion goals; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman started its composting program in 1990 using a natural process that does not require starters and additives and although it takes a few days longer to produce, it provides a high quality compost at a low cost to residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR, OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the week of May 2 through May 8, 2021, as International Compost Awareness Week in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April, 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

