

Proclamation

International Compost Awareness Week May 7th – May 13th 2017

WHEREAS, the US Composting Council Research and Education Foundation has declared the first full week of May as International Compost Awareness Week;

WHEREAS, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil, and is a way of conserving water during extreme droughts or floods, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution; and is a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion;

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 communities use to reach waste diversion goals;

WHEREAS, materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures and hay shavings have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost;

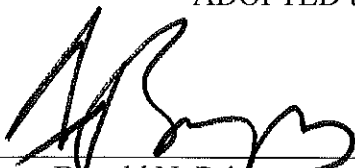
WHEREAS, communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices, and public works professionals, can have a significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects;

WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week is a publicity and education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use; and Frederick County will celebrate locally with a Compost Summit on May 22;

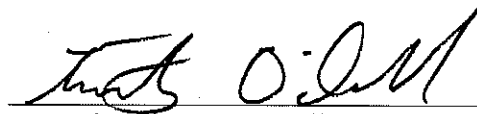
WHEREAS, this year's theme, *Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy Food*, was selected to highlight the importance of compost in clean, plentiful water and healthy soil.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland do hereby proclaim May 7th to May 13th 2017 as International Compost Awareness Week in recognition of the efforts of compost groups, extension agents, soil conservation stewards, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere.

ADOPTED this 1st day of May, 2017.



Donald N. Briggs
Mayor



Timothy O'Donnell, President
Board of Commissioners