

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, organic materials including yard trimmings and food scraps make up approximately 31 percent of the material going to landfills; and composting helps preserve North Carolina's landfill capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, composting creates a valuable soil amendment that enriches soil, reduces water consumption, prevents erosion, and decreases the need of chemical fertilizers; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's residents, communities, local governments, state government, soil conservation service and extension offices, and others play a vital role in protecting clean water, preserving soil health, and diverting waste through composting; and

**WHEREAS**, organics make up more than half of the material recovered by North Carolina's residential recycling programs; composting creates green jobs and strengthens sustainable infrastructure across North Carolina; and

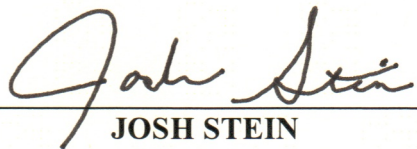
**WHEREAS**, the Compost Research & Education Foundation has declared the first full week of May to be the annual International Compost Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, International Compost Awareness Week is an awareness and education initiative to encourage compost production use; and

**WHEREAS**, 2025's ICAW theme is Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost, an effort to highlight composting in all forms and scales – from backyard bins to community composters and to large-scale facilities as well as anyone who recognizes the many benefits of composting;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2025, as **"INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
**JOSH STEIN**  
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.