



*WHEREAS, the State of Colorado is committed to reducing landfill waste and 'Erase the Waste' in Colorado, and adopted science-based greenhouse gas reduction targets of 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 and 90% by 2050; and*

*WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, and since organic materials make up approximately 37% of the material going to landfills, composting is one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals; and*

*WHEREAS, composting returns organic resources to the soil, stores carbon in soils reducing climate impacts, reduces methane emissions by diverting organic waste from landfills, promotes water conservation during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reduces water consumption, and is a proven method of decreasing erosion and dependence on chemical fertilizers; and*

*WHEREAS, composting creates jobs and infrastructure for cities and states who implement composting programs, and these communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation services, and public works professionals, have significantly positively impacted clean water, soil, climate change and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects; and*

*WHEREAS, the Compost Research & Education Foundation, along with countries around the world, have declared the first full week of May to be the annual International Compost Awareness Week, as a publicity and education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use; and*

*WHEREAS, the 2023 International Compost Awareness Week theme 'For Healthier Soil, Healthier Food...Compost!' highlights how compost has a role in helping feed the world, by making our soil healthier which produces healthier food;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between May 7 and May 13, 2023 as*

**COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK.**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventh day of May, 2023*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis  
Governor