

# PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING  
MAY 5 – 11, 2024,  
AS  
“INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK”  
IN LONGMONT, COLORADO

- WHEREAS the City of Longmont is committed to reducing landfill waste and diverting organic waste through composting as specified in the City’s Zero Waste Resolution and Sustainability Plan; and
- WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, and since organic materials make up approximately 30% 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, promotes water conservation during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reduces water consumption, stores carbon in soils reducing climate impact, 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, and this year’s theme ‘COMPOST: Nature’s Climate Champion’ highlights the role compost plays in fighting climate change by decreasing methane, helping climate change mitigation, reducing fertilizer inputs, increasing resilience, and creating healthier soil which produces healthier food.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan Peck, Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me and the City Council of the City of Longmont, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5 - 11, 2024 as “International Compost Awareness Week” in Longmont, and invite all citizens in the community to learn about and share the benefits of composting and healthy soil practices now and year-round.



MAYOR:

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ATTEST  
CITY CLERK:

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