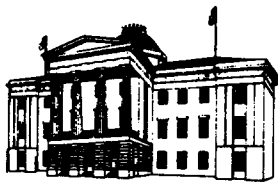


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

2002

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolinians recognize the value of recycling and the need to reduce the dependence on landfill disposal; and

WHEREAS, more than 75 percent of the solid waste in North Carolina is composed of organic materials such as paper, wood waste and food residuals; and

WHEREAS, inedible food waste makes up 12 percent of the solid waste stream that is landfilled each year; and

WHEREAS, composting keeps organic matter out of landfills, saves money by reducing the need for fertilizer, water and garden supplies, and helps to limit pollutants from entering the environment; and

WHEREAS, compost improves the soil structure, reduces erosion and run-off, and supplies soil with a variety of macro and micro nutrients; and

WHEREAS, composting organic wastes at home such as leaves, yard trimmings and food scraps can reduce the waste annually disposed in landfills by 640 pounds per household; and

WHEREAS, promoting the use of renewable resources in landscaping and horticulture benefits both public and private composters and enhances community sustainability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of April 28–May 4, 2002, as “COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK” in recognition of North Carolina’s commitment to solid waste reduction and recycling. I encourage all citizens, families and communities to renew their commitment to environmental stewardship and embrace the lessons and value of recycling through composting for a clean and green future.



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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 twenty-sixth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.