
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 180
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Compost Awareness Week

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution declares that the week of May 3, 2026, to May 9, 2026, inclusive, is designated as Compost Awareness Week.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California instituted ambitious goals around both organics diversion and compost use through Senate Bill 1383 (Chapter 395 of the Statutes of 2016), recognizing compost as an effective form of resource recovery, waste reduction, reuse and recycling, and pollution reduction.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Applying finished compost is a proven method of growing healthy food, conserving water during extreme drought, providing resiliency during flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and nonpoint pollution, decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers, decreasing erosion, and remediating fire-damaged lands.

This resolution introduces The International Compost Awareness Week theme for 2026, “Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us,” to highlight the benefits of composting in agriculture and food production and the role of compost in supporting healthy, nutritious food and, by extension, people and communities. Beyond responsible waste management, composting recognizes the interconnectedness between every person who eats and the earth that provides all

of our food, as well as our agency in feeding the earth our scraps so that the soil may continue to provide for us abundantly.

Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 70 (Blakespear, Resolution Chapter 126, Statutes of 2025)

ACR 161 (Connolly, Resolution Chapter 90, Statutes of 2024)

ACR 36 (Connolly, Resolution Chapter 78, Statutes of 2023)

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/18/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/18/26)

None received

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