

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 3RD THROUGH MAY 9, 2026, AS INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, composting returns organic resources to the soil, restores soil health, and supports the essential role soil plays in the carbon cycle; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the use of finished compost is a proven method to grow healthy food, conserve water during drought, reduce erosion and non-point source pollution, decrease reliance on chemical fertilizers, and improve resiliency during extreme weather events; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, organic materials such as yard trimmings, food scraps, biosolids, and agricultural byproducts can be converted into beneficial compost, reducing landfill waste and supporting sustainable resource recovery; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, communities, public works professionals, farmers, gardeners, and residents can positively impact clean water, climate resilience, and local economies through composting programs that create green jobs and strengthen infrastructure; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week is a public education initiative highlighting the importance of composting, and the 2026 theme, "*Compost: Feed the Soil that Feeds Us*," emphasizes the connection between healthy soil, nutritious food, and thriving communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim May 3rd through May 9, 2026, as Compost Awareness Week in the City of Norman, and encourage all residents to recognize the value of composting in sustaining healthy soil, healthy food, and a healthy community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of March, 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk

