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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Composting is an effective form of waste
3 reduction, reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials
4 make up approximately 30 percent of the material going to
5 landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods
6 communities use to reach waste diversion goals and create
7 sustainable communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Organic residual materials, including yard
9 trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps,
10 manures, and hay shavings, have been composted and converted
11 into a beneficial product known as compost; and

12 WHEREAS, Returning organic resources, remanufactured in
13 compost, to the soil reduces water consumption by over 30
14 percent for all soil types, conserves water during extreme
15 drought or flooding conditions, decreases dependence on
16 chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and decreases erosion and
17 nonpoint source pollution; and

18 WHEREAS, Communities, through their local governments,
19 highway departments, soil conservation services, and public
20 works professionals, can have positive impacts on clean water,
21 soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost
22 for public works projects; and

1 WHEREAS, Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure
2 for cities and states that implement composting programs; and

3 WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week (May 2-8,
4 2021) is a multimedia publicity and educational initiative to
5 showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use
6 initiated and supported by compost industry organizations from
7 around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, The theme for 2021 is "Grow, Eat...COMPOST...Repeat",
9 which recognizes and promotes the importance of composting and
10 the use of compost in growing healthier food, supporting
11 healthier soils and, ultimately, creating a more just and
12 sustainable world; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the week of
15 May 2 through May 8, 2021 as "Compost Awareness Week" in the
16 State of Illinois.