

Assembly Resolution No. 1490

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**RECOGNIZING** May 29, 2026, as Learn About  
Composting Day

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize May 29, 2026 as National Learn About Composting Day; and

**WHEREAS,** According to the NYC Food Policy Center, 18 percent of all waste in New York State is food waste, all of which could be composted; and

**WHEREAS,** The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation estimates that if these food scraps did not end up in landfills, our state would see a reduction of more than 120,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide; and

**WHEREAS,** Landfills are responsible for polluting millions of gallons of water every year and 12 percent of all the greenhouse gases emitted in New York State come from the waste sector; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to the benefits received from reducing waste, composting also improves soil health and the functioning of plants by adding nutrients and soil biota to improve the health of the plant; and

**WHEREAS,** Compost makes ecosystems more resilient to extreme weather and temperature changes, mitigating the impact of climate change; and

**WHEREAS,** Compost not only prevents the emission of greenhouse gases from food waste sitting in a landfill, it also absorbs additional emissions from the atmosphere; and

**WHEREAS,** Composting is a rewarding way to live more sustainably; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize May 29, 2026, as Learn About Composting Day.