# Governor Proclamation

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*WHEREAS*, proper septic system use and routine care are vital to protecting public health, preserving our highly valued groundwater, lakes, streams and waterways, and avoiding costly repairs that can result from neglect; and

*WHEREAS*, nearly <add number or percentage of> septic systems in <add state name> treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

*WHEREAS*, wastewater professionals of the State of <add state name> use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in <state>; and

*WHEREAS*, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s SepticSmart program used by <add state name> health officials does educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

*WHEREAS*, residents and the environment of <add state name> benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems;

*NOW THEREFORE*, I (We) <name(s) of public official(s)>, <title> of the State of <add state name> do hereby proclaim the week of September 16-20, 2024 as

## SepticSmart Week

in <name of state>, and I (we) urge all people to join me (us) in this special observance.

Signed this <date>,

<Official(s) Signatures>

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