



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SEPTICSMART WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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, 87 local health departments serve 100 counties with approximately 500 environmental health specialists authorized as agents of the state for the design, siting, permitting, compliance and repair of subsurface on-site wastewater treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, nearly 50 percent of septic systems in North Carolina treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, wastewater professionals in our state utilize their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program is used by North Carolina health officials to educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, properly designed, installed, operated and maintained septic systems benefit the environment, as well as the people living across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16 - 20, 2019, as "SEPTICSMART WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.