

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in Vermont, improving the water quality of our streams, rivers, lakes and ponds, and protecting public health are important shared values; and

WHEREAS, over 55 percent of Vermonters dispose of the wastewater from their homes and businesses using onsite septic systems; and

WHEREAS, in order to be permitted, Vermont's onsite septic systems must meet strict siting, design, and installation criteria; and

WHEREAS, proper septic system use and routine care are vital to protecting public health and water equality, and avoiding costly repairs that can result from neglect; and

WHEREAS, educating the public about septic systems and their proper design, installation, operation and maintenance will enable Vermonters to do their part in protecting Vermont's environment and public health for current and future generations.

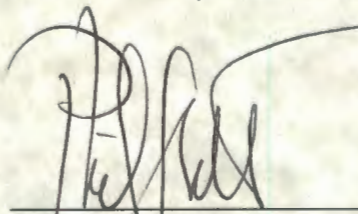
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 18-22, 2017 as

SEPTIC-SMART WEEK

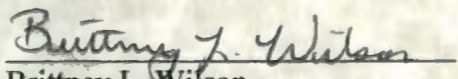
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of August, A.D. 2017.





Philip B. Scott
Governor



Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs