



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, septic systems are used by more than 35 percent of Idaho households to treat wastewater; and

WHEREAS, proper operation and maintenance of septic systems is essential for the system to function and treat wastewater properly; and

WHEREAS, proper wastewater treatment is necessary to protect public health, drinking water resources, ground water and surface water; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural community, private businesses and communities rely on a healthy population and high-quality ground water and surface water for economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the people and environment of Idaho benefit from properly designed, installed, operated and maintained septic systems; and

WHEREAS, ground water and surface water can be vulnerable to contamination and degradation if wastewater is not stored, treated and disposed of properly; and

WHEREAS, public health and the environment are two of Idaho's most precious resources, it is appropriate to set aside a special time to call upon all Idahoans to learn about the importance of septic system maintenance in their community and how proper maintenance of a septic system can protect the health of their family, community and our precious ground water and surface water resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18-22, 2017 as

IDAHO SEPTICSMART WEEK

and encourage all Idahoans and visitors to learn about septic system operation and maintenance in an effort to help protect public health and the environment.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 18th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-eighth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE