

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation* *by* *Governor Bill Walker*

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

WHEREAS, over 30 percent of Alaska's homes and businesses utilize septic systems to treat and dispose of wastewater, serving approximately 250,000 Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, wastewater professionals in Alaska use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program used by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation educates homeowners and business owners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance and encourages Alaskans to follow these practices; and

WHEREAS, residents and the environment of Alaska benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim September 18-22, 2017 as:

### *SepticSmart Week*

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaska homeowners and business owners with septic systems to utilize the SepticSmart program to educate themselves as to proper maintenance of their systems, and ensure appropriate treatment and disposal of wastewater.

Dated: September 6, 2017



*Bill Walker*

*Bill Walker, Governor*  
*who has also authorized the*  
*seal of the State of Alaska to*  
*be affixed to this proclamation.*