



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

SEPTICSMART WEEK

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 25 percent of residents in Virginia rely on septic systems to treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, wastewater professionals of the Commonwealth of Virginia use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, and regulation of septic systems in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program used by Virginia health officials educates homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize September 17-21, 2018, as **SEPTICSMART WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Ralph S. Northam
Governor

Kelly Thomas
Secretary of the Commonwealth