

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

SEPTICSMART WEEK **SEPTEMBER 17 - 21, 2018**

- 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 18% septic systems in Maryland treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Wastewater professionals of the State of Maryland use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program used by our country's health officials does educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Residents and the environment of Maryland benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim September 17 - 21, 2018 as SEPTICSMART WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Given ^{17th} Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this day of September
Two Thousand and eighteen



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State