

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

September 16 – September 20, 2019

as  
**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**, over 1.3 million septic systems in Michigan treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, if not operated, maintained, and regulated properly, septic systems can become leaky, broken, or outdated and introduce nitrogen, pharmaceutical compounds, household chemicals, and bacteria into local groundwater, rivers, or streams, putting local drinking water and recreational users at risk; and,

**WHEREAS**, wastewater professionals in the State of Michigan use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, and regulation of septic systems in Michigan; and,

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2019, as SepticSmart Week in Michigan.





Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

