

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, nearly one million septic systems treat wastewater from homes and businesses, serving more than a third of Washington State's population; and

WHEREAS, Washington's on-site wastewater professionals use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, and regulation of septic systems in our state; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of September 16-20, 2019, as

SepticSmart Week

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 16th day of August, 2019

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

