



# Proclamation

*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*, more than one in five households depend on septic systems to treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

*WHEREAS*, wastewater professionals of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, research, outreach and/or regulation of septic systems in the U.S.; and

*WHEREAS*, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s SepticSmart program used by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials does educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

*WHEREAS*, homeowners and the environment benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems;

*NOW THEREFORE*, I (We) Michael Fraser, CEO of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials do hereby proclaim the week of September 14-18, 2020 as

## *SepticSmart Week*

and I (we) urge all people to join me (us) in this special observance.

Signed this thirty-first day of August  
2020,

