



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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, nearly 190,000 septic systems in New Mexico treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, wastewater professionals of the State of New Mexico use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in New Mexico and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Septic Smart program used by New Mexico health officials does educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico do hereby proclaim the week of September 14-18, 2020 as

"Septic Smart Week"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

*Done at the Executive Office this
8th day of September 2020.*

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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Secretary of State



*Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.*

Michelle Lujan Grisham
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Governor