



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SEPTICSMART WEEK

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, to avoid costly repairs that can result from neglect, proper septic system use and routine care are vital, especially to preserve our highly valued groundwater, lakes, streams, and waterways as well as protect public health; and

WHEREAS, 85 local health departments and 6 health districts collectively serve 100 counties with approximately 780 environmental health authorized agents of the state for the design, siting, permitting, compliance and repair of subsurface septic systems; and

WHEREAS, over two million septic systems in North Carolina treat wastewater from homes and businesses, serving nearly half of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, wastewater professionals in our state utilize their expertise in the permitting, design, installation, maintenance, troubleshooting and regulation of septic systems in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 survival in septic systems is currently unknown, wastewater professionals follow best practices to prevent exposure to wastewater that may contain the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program is used by North Carolina health officials to educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems benefit the environment, as well as the people living across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 20-24, 2021, as "SEPTICSMART WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.