

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

SEPTICSMART WEEK

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A 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 50 percent of North Carolina residents rely on septic systems to treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the public and the environment of North Carolina benefit from properly designed, permitted, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18 – 22, 2023, as "**SEPTICSMART WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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Roy Cooper Governor

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