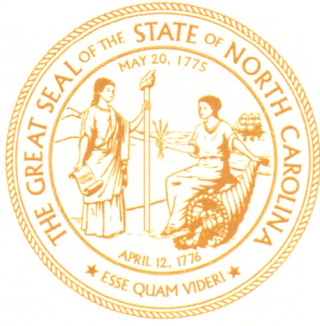




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

SEPTICSMART WEEK

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 2.2 million septic systems serve about 50 percent of North Carolina's population, making them a critical component of the state's wastewater infrastructure; and

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

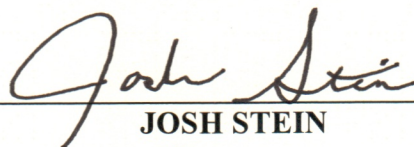
WHEREAS, wastewater professionals in North Carolina use their expertise in the design, permitting, installation, maintenance, and regulation of septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. 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 residents and the environment of North Carolina benefit from properly designed, permitted, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 14 – 18, 2026, as "**SEPTICSMART WEEK**" in North Carolina and commend its observance.





JOSH STEIN

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 eighth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.