



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

SepticSmart Week

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, over 35% of homes and businesses in Rhode Island are served by septic systems; and

WHEREAS, wastewater professionals of Rhode Island use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in our state; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program used by Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management does educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders and our environment benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim September 16 - 20, 2019 as: *SepticSmart Week* in the state and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 11 day of September, 2019



Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State