



State of Rhode Island
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, nearly 35 percent of septic systems in Rhode Island treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim September 19-23 as: *SepticSmart Week* in the state to encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island, this 16th day of September, 2022.

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State