

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

September 19-23, 2022  
as  
**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 1.3 million septic systems in Michigan treat wastewater from homes and businesses and represent a significant part of Michigan's wastewater infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS**, if not used and maintained properly, septic systems can become leaky, broken, or outdated and introduce nitrogen, phosphorus, household chemicals, bacteria, viruses, and other harmful pollutants into state waters; and,

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

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 19-23, 2022, as SepticSmart Week in Michigan.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

