## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## SEPTICSMART WEEK SEPTEMBER 20-24, 2021

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 30% of septic systems in North Dakota treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

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

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

WHEREAS, residents and the environment of North Dakota benefit from properly designed, installed, operated and maintained septic systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 20-24, 2021, SEPTICSMART WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

OCTOBER 1888

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE