



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SEPTICSMART WEEK
SEPTEMBER 18-22, 2017

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 25 percent of residents in North Dakota rely on septic systems to treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

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

WHEREAS, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover; 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, North Dakota benefit residents and the environment from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota. I do hereby proclaim, September 18-22, 2017, **SEPTICSMART WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State