



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

SEPTICSMART WEEK

WHEREAS, proper onsite sewage 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 Virginia residents rely on onsite sewage systems to treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, wastewater professionals of the Commonwealth of Virginia 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 Virginia health officials educates homeowners about the need for proper onsite sewage system use and routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Virginia residents and the environment of Virginia benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained onsite sewage systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize September 20-26, 2021, as **SEPTICSMART WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth