



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

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

## SEPTICSMART WEEK

**WHEREAS**, proper septic system use and routine maintenance are essential to protecting public health, preserving groundwater, lakes, streams, and waterways, and avoiding costly repairs and environmental damage caused by system failures; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 25 percent of Virginians rely on septic systems to treat wastewater from their homes and properties; and

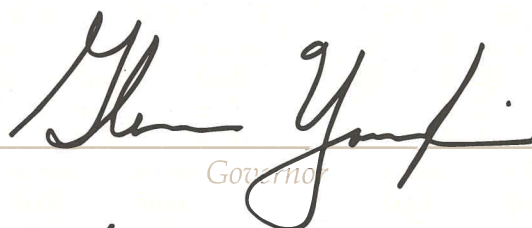
**WHEREAS**, wastewater professionals across the Commonwealth apply their expertise in the design, installation, inspection, maintenance, and regulation of septic systems to safeguard health and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the SepticSmart program is used by Virginia health officials to educate homeowners on the importance of proper septic system care and to provide practical guidance for its upkeep; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize September 15-19, 2025, as **SEPTICSMART WEEK** in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth