The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, nearly one million septic systems treat wastewater from homes and businesses, serving more than a third of Washington State's population; and

WHEREAS, Washington's on-site wastewater professionals use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, and regulation of septic systems in our state; and

WHEREAS, citizens and the environment of the state of Washington benefit from properly-designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems; and

WHEREAS, proper septic system use and routine care are vital to protecting public health; preserving our highly valued groundwater, lakes, streams, and Puget Sound; and avoiding costly repairs that can result from neglect; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program, used by Washington State health agencies, educates homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance and encourages them to do so;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19-23, 2016, as

SepticSmart Week

in the state of Washington, and encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 16th day of September, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee