



ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

September 16 – 20, 2024

as

**SEPTICSMART WEEK**

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

**WHEREAS**, over 1.3 million septic systems in Michigan treat wastewater from homes and businesses and represent a significant part of Michigan’s wastewater infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS**, if not used and maintained properly, septic systems can become leaky, broken, or outdated and introduce nitrogen, phosphorous, household chemicals, bacteria, viruses, and other harmful pollutants into state waters; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s SepticSmart Program used by Michigan health officials educates homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has created and started a new statewide septic replacement loan program that assists system owners in replacing failing septic systems;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 16 – 20, 2024, as SepticSmart Week in Michigan.



A blue ink signature of Gretchen Whitmer, written in a cursive style.

**Gretchen Whitmer**  
Governor

