## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, in Vermont, improving the water quality of our streams, rivers,

lakes and ponds and protecting public health are important shared

values of all Vermonters; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of Vermonters dispose of wastewater from their

homes and businesses by using onsite septic systems; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's onsite septic systems must meet strict siting, design, and

installation criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, septic systems which are not properly maintained can lead to the

system's failure resulting in raw sewage polluting Vermont's land and waterways, contaminating drinking water and contributing excess nutrients to lakes, rivers and groundwaters, thereby creating

environmental and public health hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, educating the public about water quality, septic systems and system

maintenance will enable Vermonters to do their part in protecting Vermont's environment and public health for current and future

generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 17 – 21,

2018 as

## **SEPTIC-SMART WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Vermont on this 25th day of July, A.D. 2018

Philip B. Scott

Governor

Jaye Pershing Johnson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs