



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, proper septic 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, onsite systems provide a cost-effective, long-term option for treating wastewater, particularly in sparsely populated areas; and

WHEREAS, about half of Alabama homes and businesses utilize septic systems to treat wastewater; and

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program used by Alabama health officials educates homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim week of September 16-20, 2019, as

SepticSmart Week

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 21st day of August 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor