



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

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

*WHEREAS*, nearly 190,000 septic systems in New Mexico treat nearly 57,000,000 gallons of wastewater from homes and businesses; and

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

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim September 16th–20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as:

## **“SepticSmart Week in New Mexico”**

throughout the State of New Mexico.

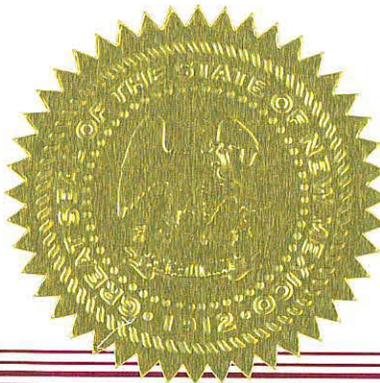
Attest:

Done at the Executive Office this  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2019.

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

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Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of New Mexico.



*Michelle Lujan Grisham*

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Governor