

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** More than 30% of Oregonians dispose of wastewater from their homes and businesses through the use of septic systems; and
- WHEREAS:** Substandard or malfunctioning septic systems can contribute to pollution of lakes, streams, rivers, groundwater and land. Pollution from improperly functioning septic systems can harm drinking water sources, recreational areas and fisheries, contribute to harmful algae blooms, or cause people to become sick through exposure to the sewage or contact with animals or insects that have been exposed; and
- WHEREAS:** Wastewater industry professionals, realtors, local governments, and state agencies work together to ensure that septic systems meet standards of protection, and to educate the public about the importance of properly functioning septic systems including inspections and maintenance; and
- WHEREAS:** By supporting and promoting safe, sanitary and environmentally sound septic systems, Oregonians can help protect the quality and safety of Oregon's waters and land.
- NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 21-25, 2015** to be

**SEPTIC-SMART WEEK**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 24, 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown", written in a cursive style.

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne P. Atkins", written in a cursive style.

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State