

**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.

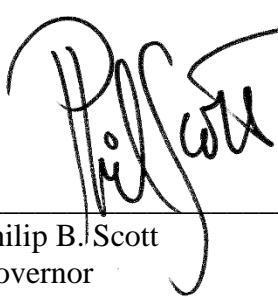
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 17 – 21, 2018 as


**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