



Proclamation

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, more than one in five households depend on septic systems to treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, wastewater professionals of NOWRA use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, research, outreach and/or regulation of septic systems in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program used by NOWRA does educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, homeowners and the environment benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems;

NOW THEREFORE, we the Board of Directors of the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association do hereby proclaim the week of September 19-23, 2022 as **SepticSmart Week** and we urge all people to join us in this special observance.

Signed this 27th day of July 2022,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara F. Heger".

Sara Heger, PhD., NOWRA President

