



## *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 18-22, 2023 as **SepticSmart Week** and we urge all people to join us in this special observance.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allison Blodig".

Allison Blodig, NOWRA President

