



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 14-18, 2026 as **SepticSmart Week** and we urge all people to join us in this special observance.

Signed this 17th day of August 2026,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris LeClair", is written over a light blue circular background.

Chris LeClair, NOWRA President

