
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 19 through 23, 2016, as
2 "SepticSmart Week" in Pennsylvania to increase awareness of
3 the importance of proper maintenance and service of on-lot
4 septic systems.

5 WHEREAS, More than 40% of Pennsylvanians rely on septic
6 systems; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's on-lot septic systems are a natural,
8 environmentally friendly method of treating household water
9 without straining local waste treatment facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, Average indoor use of water in a typical single-
11 family home is nearly 150 gallons a day and filters through a
12 septic system where beneficial living organisms digest and break
13 down the waste; and

14 WHEREAS, Proper maintenance of an on-lot septic system is
15 necessary to avoid tens of thousands of dollars in repair costs;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Consumers who do not monitor and maintain their on-
18 lot septic systems risk overloading the system which can cause

1 costly repairs resulting in complications when selling the
2 property; and

3 WHEREAS, Professional septic system providers and the United
4 States Environmental Protection Agency recommend periodic
5 pumping and maintenance of an on-lot septic system; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association
7 (NOWRA) and the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association have
8 search engines to help consumers locate providers who will
9 advise them on establishing proper maintenance and service
10 schedules for their on-lot septic systems; and

11 WHEREAS, Efforts should be made to promote awareness of the
12 importance of properly maintaining and servicing an on-lot
13 septic system; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of the Pennsylvania Septage Management
15 Association have made consumer education a major priority;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 19
18 through 23, 2016, as "SepticSmart Week" in Pennsylvania to
19 increase awareness of the importance of proper maintenance and
20 service of on-lot septic systems.