



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, septic systems are used by a significant number of Idaho households to treat wastewater; and

WHEREAS, proper operation and maintenance of septic systems is essential for the system to function and treat wastewater properly; and

WHEREAS, proper wastewater treatment is necessary to protect the public health, drinking water resources, ground water and surface water; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural community, municipalities, private industry and businesses rely on a healthy population and high-quality ground water and surface water for economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, public health can be impacted if wastewater is not stored, treated and disposed of properly; and

WHEREAS, ground water and surface water can be vulnerable to contamination and degradation if wastewater is not stored, treated and disposed of properly; and

WHEREAS, public health and the environment are two of Idaho's most precious resources, it is appropriate to set aside a special time to call upon all Idahoans, young and old, to learn about the importance of septic system maintenance in their community and how proper maintenance of a septic system can protect the health of their family, community, and our precious ground water and surface water resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19-23, 2016 as

IDAHO SEPTICSMART WEEK

and encourage all Idahoans and visitors to make every effort to learn about septic system operation and maintenance in an effort to help protect the public health and environment; I also urge our citizens to recognize the value, importance and public health vulnerability of our ground water and surface water resources.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE