

# Proclamation

## Doña Ana County State of New Mexico

WHEREAS, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of the County's residents, and

WHEREAS, in New Mexico, improving the water quality of our streams, rivers, lakes and ponds and protecting public health are important shared values of all New Mexicans, and a substantial number of New Mexican households dispose of the wastewater from their homes and businesses through the use of onsite septic systems, and

WHEREAS, septic systems that are not properly installed and/or maintained can lead to the system's failure, resulting in raw sewage polluting New Mexico's land and waterways, contaminating drinking water and contributing excess nutrients to lakes, rivers and ground waters, thereby creating environmental and public health hazards, and

WHEREAS, educating the public about water quality, septic systems and system maintenance will enable New Mexicans to do their part in protecting New Mexico's environment and public health for this and future generations;

WHEREAS, thousands of households throughout Doña Ana County are not yet connected to wastewater treatment facilities and therefore rely on septic systems for disposal of wastewater, and proper septic system maintenance is critical to protecting the water table, and the health of the residents as well as the value of the property on which the system is located, and

WHEREAS, most households should have the system professionally inspected by a licensed contractor at least once every three years, and the entire system should be pumped and properly disposed of on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, Septic Smart Week is sanctioned by the federal Environmental Protection Agency as a time for education and awareness of proper septic-system installation, maintenance and sustainability, and

WHEREAS, it is the distinct pleasure and privilege of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners to bestow Proclamations, and all residents of Doña Ana County are represented by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, and, therefore, speak with a united voice through the actions and deeds of this Board,

NOW THEREFORE, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 18-24 to be Septic Smart Week in Doña Ana County.

PROUDLY PROCLAIMED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016

Board of County Commissioners for Doña Ana County, New Mexico

  
Wayne D. Hancock, Chair

yea  nay

  
Dr. David J. Garcia, Vice-Chair

ABSENT  
Benjamin L. Rawson, Member

yea  nay

  
Leticia Duarte-Benavidez, Member

  
Billy G. Garrett, Member

yea  nay

Attested: Lynn Ellins, County Clerk

