NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

SEPTICSMART WEEK

SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2024

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, about 70,000 septic systems serve 160,000 residents in North Dakota to treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, wastewater professionals of the State of North Dakota use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program used by North Dakota health officials educates homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, residents and the environment of North Dakota benefit from properly designed, installed, operated and maintained septic systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2024, SEPTICSMART WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE