

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF SEPTICSMART WEEK

*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 70,000 septic systems in the State of Delaware treat wastewater from homes and businesses; and

*Whereas*, wastewater professionals of the State of Delaware use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in Delaware; and

*Whereas*, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program used by Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control officials does educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

*Whereas*, residents and the environment of Delaware benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems.

*Now, Therefore, I, Jack A. Markell, Governor,*  
do hereby declare September 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### SEPTICSMART WEEK

in the State of Delaware, and encourage all residents to join in the special observance.



*Jack Markell*

Jack A. Markell  
Governor

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