WHEREAS: More than 530,000 septic systems provide wastewater treatment for households and businesses across Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Proper septic system care and maintenance is vital to protecting public health; preserving our much valued groundwater, lakes, and streams; and avoiding costly repairs that can result from neglect; and

WHEREAS: The SepticSmart program encourages proper septic system care and maintenance by educating homeowners about the need for periodic septic system maintenance and proper daily use; and

WHEREAS: Citizens and the environment of the State of Minnesota benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 22-26, 2014, as:

SEPTICSMART WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17th day of September.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE