

THURSTON COUNTY

Proclamation

SepticSmart Week

WHEREAS, Thurston County's mission is to create a community that promotes health, commerce and environmental protection with transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, proper septic system use, and routine care help avoid costly septic system repairs and protect the investment that home owners have in their septic systems; and

WHEREAS, septic systems that are properly designed and maintained are vital to protecting public health, our invaluable drinking water, lakes, rivers, streams, Puget Sound and our shellfish industry which produces almost 6 million pounds of shellfish each year; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 54,000 septic systems in Thurston County that treat and dispose of almost 12 million gallons of sewage per day; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County's on-site system professionals, our Environmental Health Division staff and our community partners use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in our county; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Governor of the State of Washington have declared September 16-20, 2019 as Septic Smart Week to increase awareness and highlight the need for proper septic system maintenance across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department is conducting FREE Septic Sense Workshops on September 11, 18 and 26 to teach people how to prolong the life of their septic systems and learn about loans for septic system repairs and replacement.

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Thurston County Board of Health hereby proclaims the week of **September 16-20, 2019 as SepticSmart Week**; encourages Thurston County septic system owners to learn about their septic systems; and for all residents of Thurston County to join us in this special observance that contributes to thriving, hopeful, healthy communities where all people are safe and supported by and our environment is protected.*

Adopted this tenth day of September, 2019

BOARD OF HEALTH



