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 helps avoid costly septic system repairs and protects 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 53,000 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 and Environmental Health Division staff 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 17 - 21, 2018 as SepticSmart 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 SepticSense Workshops in September to teach people how to prolong the life of their septic systems and learn about loans and grants for septic system repairs and replacement.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *the Thurston County Board of Health hereby proclaims the week of **September 17 – 21, 2018 as SepticSmart Week** and encourages Thurston County septic system owners to learn about their septic systems; and asks for all residents of Thurston County to join us in this special observance that contributes to a thriving, hopeful, healthy communities where all people are supported and our environment is protected.*

Adopted this eleventh day of September, 2018

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