
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY YAW, BROWNE, BREWSTER, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, ARGALL,
DINNIMAN, PITTMAN, MARTIN, J. WARD AND STEFANO,
AUGUST 11, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, AUGUST 11, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2020 as "Septic Smart Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Proper septic system use and routine care are vital
4 to protecting public health, preserving our highly valued
5 groundwater, lakes, streams and waterways and avoiding costly
6 repairs that can result from neglect; and

7 WHEREAS, Maintenance of on-lot septic systems is vital to the
8 health and well-being of the 26% of the households in this
9 Commonwealth who rely on a septic system; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania residents and our environment benefit
11 from properly designed, installed, operated and maintained
12 septic systems; and

13 WHEREAS, Failure of consumers to understand how septic
14 systems operate and how to ensure their continued utility can
15 mean tremendous costs to the property owner and reduced ability
16 for the property to be sold; and

17 WHEREAS, Wastewater professionals across Pennsylvania use

1 their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and
2 regulation of septic systems; and

3 WHEREAS, These professionals, including members of the
4 Pennsylvania Septage Management Association, have worked to
5 educate consumers about the importance of maintaining septic
6 systems and the perils of not doing so; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency's
8 SepticSmart program used by Pennsylvania health officials also
9 educates homeowners about the need for proper septic system use
10 and routine maintenance; and

11 WHEREAS, Recognizing limited public wastewater treatment
12 resources, on-lot septic systems provide an important
13 environmentally friendly function in preventing effluent from
14 human waste from entering Pennsylvania's streams and rivers; and

15 WHEREAS, It is paramount that we continue working to protect
16 and safeguard Pennsylvania's water resources for future
17 generations; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
19 2020 as "Smart Septic Month" in Pennsylvania.