

## MICHIGAN SENATE

### Senate Resolution No. 69

Offered by Senators Singh and Santana

#### A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 15-19, 2025, AS SEPTIC SMART WEEK

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

WHEREAS, Over 1.3 million septic systems in Michigan treat wastewater from homes and businesses which represents a significant part of our state's wastewater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, If not used and maintained properly, septic systems can become leaky, broken, or outdated and introduce nitrogen, phosphorous, household chemicals, bacteria, viruses, and other harmful pollutants into Michigan's waters; and

WHEREAS, Wastewater professionals use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, and regulation of septic systems; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart Program, used by Michigan health officials, educates homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Michigan created and began a new statewide septic replacement loan program that assists system owners in replacing failing septic systems; and

WHEREAS, Our residents and environment benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body recognize September 15-19, 2025, as Septic Smart Week.

Adopted by the Senate, September 17, 2025.



Secretary of the Senate