

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Proclaim the week of September 14th through 18th, as *Septic Smart Week* in Monterey County and call upon public and private organizations to celebrate with the Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau by participating in learning opportunities that promote proper septic system maintenance and sanitation safety.

WHEREAS, sewage disposal practices and laws against unlawful sewage disposal are traced to 500 B.C and during the middle ages disposal practices de-evolved creating public health hazards leading to the public health act of 1848 in England which required every house to have a sanitary method for sewage disposal with the first septic tank being patented; and

WHEREAS, in the 1920's the USDA developed Rural Sanitation Guides however in the 1940's and 1950's, studies found that most homeowners with septic systems were uninformed about proper maintenance; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the Environmental Protection Agency developed the Onsite Wastewater Management Manual providing operation and maintenance guidelines and penalties for non-compliance; and

WHEREAS, in May 2018, Monterey County adopted a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) for onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS, also referred to as septic systems), which updated the standards and requirements for onsite wastewater disposal to reduce potential for contamination of groundwater, surface water, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency designated a week each September as *Septic Smart Week* to promote the importance of a properly installed and maintained septic system and provide information to assist homeowners with septic systems through varying informational and technical resources; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau (EHB) mirrors many of these activities on a daily basis by coordinating with qualified professionals to ensure proper siting and design of OWTS, and by working with septic system contractors to identify and rectify issues as they arise. In addition, EHB strives to educate the community on the importance and benefits of proper septic system maintenance and sanitation safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of September 14th through 18th, 2020, as *Septic Smart Week* in Monterey County and calls upon public and private organizations to celebrate with the Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, by participating in learning opportunities that promote proper septic system maintenance and sanitation safety.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 15th day of September 2020, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____, for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____,
Deputy