

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.298

Rep. Skaggs offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare September 16-20, 2024, as Septic Smart  
2 Week in the state of Michigan.

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

7       Whereas, Over 1.3 million septic systems in Michigan treat  
8 wastewater from homes and businesses and represent a significant  
9 part of Michigan's wastewater infrastructure; and

10       Whereas, If not used and maintained properly, septic systems  
11 can become leaky, broken, or outdated and introduce nitrogen,  
12 phosphorous, household chemicals, bacteria, viruses, and other

1 harmful pollutants into state waters; and

2       Whereas, Wastewater professionals in Michigan use their  
3 expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, and regulation  
4 of septic systems in Michigan; and

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

9       Whereas, Residents and the environment of Michigan benefit  
10 from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic  
11 systems; and

12       Whereas, The State of Michigan has created and started a new  
13 statewide septic replacement loan program that assists system  
14 owners in replacing failing septic systems; now, therefore, be it

15       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
16 this legislative body declare September 16-20, 2024, as SepticSmart  
17 Week in the state of Michigan.