



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

RADON ACTION MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally-occurring radioactive gas that is a threat to people's health;
and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, radon causes more than 20,000 deaths each year, making it the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States and the leading cause among non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, United States Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona issued a national health advisory in 2005 because breathing indoor radon over prolonged periods can present a significant health risk; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, one in 15 homes across the country has an elevated radon level; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, according to data collected by the Radiation Protection Section in the Department of Health and Human Services, radon is present at elevated levels in approximately 7 percent of homes; and

WHEREAS, an elevated indoor radon level is a preventable and fixable problem; testing for radon is simple, and will help determine the amount of radon a home's residents are breathing; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Radon Program and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are encouraging Americans to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and build new homes with radon-resistant materials and features; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages residents and interested groups to promote awareness of the hazards of radon exposure, test and mitigate their homes for radon levels, and visit <http://www.ncradon.org> for additional radon action information;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2018, as "RADON ACTION MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.