

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally-occurring radioactive gas that, over prolonged periods, can present a significant health risk to individuals across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers, responsible for more than 21,000 deaths each year in the United States; and

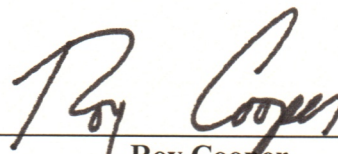
WHEREAS, in North Carolina, based on data collected by the Radiation Protection Section within the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), radon is present at elevated levels in approximately 7 percent of homes; and

WHEREAS, data from the North Carolina DHHS Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey shows that historically marginalized populations, people with lower incomes, and those who rent homes are less likely to know about radon gas; and

WHEREAS, it is important to educate all North Carolina residents on the available measures to reduce radon risks, to test and mitigate their homes for radon levels, and to visit www.radon.ncdhhs.gov for additional radon action information;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2023, as “**NATIONAL 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 fifth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.