



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, many Nevada residents don't know about radon, yet need to know, for the safety and well-being of their families, as radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates 21,000 people in the United States die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure, with lung and bronchus cancer killing more people in a year than any other cancer; and

WHEREAS, radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunken driving, falls in the home, drowning, or home fires; and

WHEREAS, any home in Washoe County may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

WHEREAS, testing, which is easy and inexpensive, is the only way to know if a radon problem exists, and when identified, the problems can be fixed; and

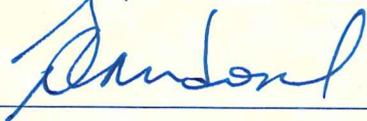
WHEREAS, the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency support efforts to encourage all Washoe County residents to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and have new homes built with radon-reducing materials and features;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim January 2015 as

NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 17th day of December, 2014.


By the Governor: _____ Governor


Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy