



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, protecting public health and wellness and promoting safe and livable communities through education, disease prevention, and awareness are critical objectives of Nevada's state government; and

WHEREAS, promoting a broader understanding of the safety risks and hazards associated with radon exposure enhances public safety efforts in Nevada, as radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS, lung and bronchial cancer takes the lives of more people every year than any other cancer, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 21,000 people in the U.S. die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure; and

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

WHEREAS, although the safety hazards associated with living in a home with above average radon levels include a risk of developing lung cancer comparable to that of smoking half a pack of cigarettes per day, radon testing is an easy and inexpensive method to help determine whether a problem exists, and if so, how to fix it; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the U.S. EPA support efforts and initiatives encouraging Nevada residents to test their homes for radon and mitigate radon problems, and support the inclusion of radon-reducing materials and features in newly constructed homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2016 as

RADON ACTION MONTH IN NEVADA



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 8th day of December, 2015

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Legavski

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy