

PROCLAMATION RADON ACTION MONTH JANUARY 2019

- WHEREAS,** radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that threatens the health of Iowans; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States and the number one leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers; and
- WHEREAS,** one in 15 homes across the U.S. has an elevated radon level, and five out of seven homes in Iowa have elevated radon levels; and
- WHEREAS,** any home in Iowa may have an elevated level of radon, even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not; and
- WHEREAS,** testing for radon is simple and inexpensive; and
- WHEREAS,** identified radon problems can be fixed; and
- WHEREAS,** the Johnson County Public Health Department, Iowa Department of Public Health, the American Lung Association, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are supporting efforts to encourage Johnson County residents to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and build new homes using radon resistant new construction features;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2019 to be:

RADON ACTION MONTH

in Johnson County, Iowa, and urge all people to learn more about radon, how to test your home, and how to obtain a radon test kit through Johnson County Public Health at www.johnson-county.com/health.

Signed this 27th day of December, 2018, in Johnson County, Iowa.


Mike Carberry, Chairperson
Johnson County Board of Supervisors

