

PROCLAMATION

In Support of National Radon Action Month in Boulder County, Colorado

WHEREAS, radon is an invisible, odorless, radioactive gas that threatens the health of our citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, radon is a leading environmental cause of cancer mortality in the U.S. and the 8th leading cause of cancer mortality overall; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Rocky Mountain Region has been ranked Zone 1, an area with the highest radon potential possible by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, Colorado residential radon data has shown 50% of Colorado homes tested as being at or above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Radon Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L (picocuries per liter of air); and

WHEREAS, any home in Boulder County may have elevated levels of radon (even if homes in the same neighborhood do not); and

WHEREAS, supporting recommended radon practices and policies to reduce radon exposure is important to protect our community's health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive; and

WHEREAS, identified radon problems can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County Public Health, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the American Lung Association are supporting efforts to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced, and have new homes built with radon-resistant features;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims January 1-31, 2023, as **National Radon Action Month** in Boulder County, Colorado.

ADOPTED this ___ day of January 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BOULDER COUNTY**

Claire Levy

Ashley Stolzmann

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

Marta Loachamin