



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RADON ACTION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that threatens the health of Georgia citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Surgeon General has warned that radon is the nation's second-leading cause of lung cancer. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon exposure is the top cause of lung cancer among non-smokers; and
- WHEREAS:** One in 15 homes in the U.S. is estimated to display an elevated radon level. Any home in Georgia may have an elevated radon level, even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not present such risks; and
- WHEREAS:** Testing for radon is simple and inexpensive, and provides an effective method for identifying and addressing issues that may easily be fixed; and
- WHEREAS:** Radon Action Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the health risks associated with in-home radon exposure and the importance of radon testing in recognizing such harmful gases; and
- WHEREAS:** The University of Georgia's College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the EPA are among the entities that encourage Georgia citizens to test places of residence for elevated levels of radon and to build new homes with radon-resistant materials and features; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 2023, as RADON ACTION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

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