



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 fifteen homes in the United States are 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 it provides an effective method for identifying and addressing issues that may have simple solutions; 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 harmful gases; and
- WHEREAS:** The University of Georgia's College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency 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 2020 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 December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF