



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Radon is the second leading cause of cancer-related death and every year, 36,000 Americans die from lung cancer caused by Radon exposure; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Population Review and the Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Colorado is predicted to have an average of Radon screening levels that are far above 4 pCi/L which places Colorado in Zone 1, based on information regarding indoor Radon measurements, aerial radioactivity, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, radon is the leading cause of cancer-related death among never smokers, causing up to 2,900 lung cancer deaths in never smokers every year; and

WHEREAS, miners are more likely to be exposed to radon and are at a higher risk of radon-caused lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, households with mean Radon concentrations above the Environmental Protection Agency's threshold of 4 pCi/L have a 34% increased risk of lung cancer mortality compared to households with Radon concentrations below 4 pCi/L, and decreasing Radon levels to below the recommended level could reduce lung cancer mortality by 2-4%; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative are dedicated to raising awareness and educating the Colorado community about Radon and lung cancer, working to increase lung cancer screening rates and lower residential Radon levels in Colorado;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2021 as

RADON ACTION MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of January, 2021



Jared Polis
Jared Polis
Governor