



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**RADON ACTION MONTH**

**2019**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally-occurring radioactive gas that can be a threat to people's health; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon causes more than 21,000 deaths each year, making it the second-leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States and the leading cause among non-smokers; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona issued a national health advisory in 2005 because breathing indoor radon over prolonged periods can present a significant health risk; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the EPA, 1 in 15 homes across the country has an elevated radon level; and

**WHEREAS**, data collected by the Radiation Protection Section in the Department of Health and Human Services shows that radon is present at elevated levels in approximately 7 percent of North Carolina homes; and

**WHEREAS**, an elevated indoor radon level is a preventable and fixable problem; testing for radon is simple, and the cost of repairs to reduce a high radon level range from \$800 to approximately \$2,500; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's Radon Program and the EPA encourage people to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and build new homes with radon-resistant materials and features; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages individuals and interested groups to promote awareness of the hazards of radon exposure, test and mitigate their homes for radon levels, and visit <http://www.ncradon.org> for additional radon action information;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2019, as "RADON ACTION MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.