



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, prolonged exposure to radon causes as many as 500 deaths annually in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, elevated radon levels can be found in many homes throughout the state and poses a serious health threat to the families who reside there; and

WHEREAS, any home could have high levels, even when neighboring homes do not; and

WHEREAS, radon testing is both easy and inexpensive, and elevated radon concentrations can be effectively reduced at a cost typical of any home repair; and

WHEREAS, during the month of January the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are working to protect families by promoting the need for testing in all homes; and

WHEREAS, by mitigating homes with radon concentrations at or above 4 pCi/L in New Jersey 140-250 lives are saved annually;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

JANUARY 2009  
AS  
RADON ACTION MONTH

in New Jersey to encourage residents to test their homes for radon and to safeguard the health of their families by reducing elevated levels when detected.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this first day of January in the year two thousand nine, the two hundred thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States.



GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

NINA MITCHELL WELLS  
SECRETARY OF STATE