



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 in New Jersey each year; and

WHEREAS, families who reside in homes with elevated radon levels are at risk of developing serious health problems; and

WHEREAS, only 37% of the homes have been tested in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, 16% of those tested had a radon level of four picocuries per liter, the level at which mitigation is recommended; and

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

WHEREAS, radon testing can be done with great ease at a relatively low expense to the homeowner, with the cost of reducing radon concentrations being comparable to a home repair; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are collaborating during the month of January to promote the need for radon testing in an effort to protect the lives of our State's residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

JANUARY 2021
AS
RADON ACTION MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventeenth day of December in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.

Phillip D. Murphy
Lt. GOVERNOR

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