

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that is naturally occurring in rocks, soil, and water and can threaten the health of people throughout the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, after cigarette smoking, and the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, resulting in approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year; and

WHEREAS; Pew Research Center suggests that, in 2019, one-third of housing units in the United States were occupied by renters, who often do not benefit from policies requiring disclosure of radon test findings upon home sale or transfer and may otherwise be unaware of ongoing radon exposure; and

WHEREAS; radon contamination is a pervasive issue in Wisconsin, as radon is found at elevated levels in approximately one in 10 homes across the state; and

WHEREAS; fortunately, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive, and radon problems can be easily remedied; and

WHEREAS; decreasing exposure to radon is a priority highlighted in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' (DHS) Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, and as of March 2023, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) requires licensed child care providers to test and mitigate for radon to protect kids and employees from radon exposure; and

WHEREAS; reducing radon exposure and radon-induced lung cancer in the state is dependent on helping all Wisconsinites, including historically underserved communities that all too often bear the greatest burden of poor environmental conditions and related health outcomes, to understand their risk and make informed decisions about testing; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the EPA, DHS, DCF, local health departments, and other public and private sector partners in encouraging residents and business owners to test their homes and buildings for radon, reduce elevated levels of radon, and build with active radon reduction systems;

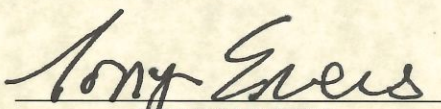
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim January 2024 as

NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

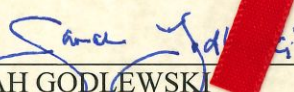
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 22nd day of December 2023.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State