STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS: radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that threatens the health of Wisconsin residents; and

WHEREAS: radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

WHEREAS: the National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS: decreasing exposure to radon is a priority in the Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, as any home in Wisconsin may have high levels of radon with the gas found at elevated levels in one in 10 homes across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS: testing for radon is simple and inexpensive with radon problems easily remedied; and

WHEREAS: reducing radon-induced lung cancer deaths in our state depends on helping Wisconsinites understand their risk and making informed choices about testing; and

WHEREAS: the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Wisconsin local health departments, and other public and private sector partners are leading efforts to encourage residents to test their homes for radon, reduce elevated levels of radon, and have new homes built with active radon reduction systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 2020 as

NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 13th day of December 2019.

[Signature]

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTI
Secretary of State