

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

WHEREAS; the National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur nationwide each year, with radon being the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

WHEREAS; decreasing exposure to radon is a priority in the Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, as the gas is found at elevated levels in an estimated one in 10 homes across Wisconsin; and

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

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

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, local health departments, and other public and private sector partners in encouraging 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 2021 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State