

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 folks throughout the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, after cigarette smoking, and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers; and

WHEREAS; according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is responsible for an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year; and

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

WHEREAS; reducing radon exposure and radon-induced lung cancer in our state is dependent on helping Wisconsinites to understand their risk and make informed choices about testing; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the EPA, DHS, 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 2022 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 10th day
of December 2021.

Handwritten signature of Tony Evers in black ink.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Handwritten signature of Douglas LaFollette in blue ink.
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State