

# 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; and

*WHEREAS*; the EPA further estimates that radon is responsible for approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year; and

*WHEREAS*; Pew Research Center suggests that one-third of housing units in the United States are 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 beginning in March 2023, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) will require licensed childcare 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

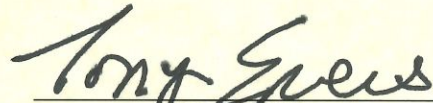
*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the EPA, DHS, DCF, local health departments, and other public and private sector partners in encouraging residents and business owners to test their homes and buildings for radon, reduce elevated levels of radon, and build with active radon reduction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

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim January 2023 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

