



A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 2019 AS “NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH IN SOUTHERN NEVADA”

WHEREAS, many Southern Nevada residents don’t know about radon, yet need to know, for the safety and health of their families, as radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the primary cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers; the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers and

WHEREAS, the U.S. EPA estimates 21,000 people in the U.S. die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure, and lung and bronchus cancer kill more people in a year than any other cancer; and

WHEREAS, radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving, and home fires combined; and

WHEREAS, any home in Southern Nevada may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

WHEREAS, testing is the only way to know if a home has an elevated radon level, and testing is easy and inexpensive, and when identified, homes can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Nevada Health District, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency individually and collectively support efforts to educate Southern Nevada Residents regarding Radon and its associated health risks and encourage Southern Nevada residents to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and have new homes built with radon-reducing materials and features.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Southern Nevada Health District, does hereby proclaim January 2019, as

**“NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH”
In Southern Nevada**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Proclamation was passed, adopted, and approved this 24th day of January 2019 by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health.

Southern Nevada District Board of Health

By: _____
Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair