



PROCLAMATION

JANUARY 2019 – NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH IN LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

WHEREAS, radon is an invisible, odorless, radioactive gas that threatens the health of our citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, radon is a leading environmental cause of cancer mortality in the U.S. and the 8th leading cause of cancer mortality overall; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Rocky Mountain Region has been ranked Zone 1, an area with the highest radon potential possible by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, Colorado residential radon data has shown 50% of Colorado homes tested as being at or above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Radon Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L (picocuries per liter of air); and

WHEREAS, any home in Lakewood, Colorado may have elevated levels of radon (even if homes in the same neighborhood do not); and

WHEREAS, supporting recommended radon practices and policies to reduce radon exposure is important to protect our community's health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive; and

WHEREAS, identified radon problems can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Public Health, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the American Lung Association are supporting efforts to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced, and have new homes built with radon-resistant features;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Lakewood, I Adam Paul, Mayor of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim

JANUARY 2019 – NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH IN LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of the City of Lakewood, this 2nd day of January, 2019.

Adam Paul, Mayor

