

Proclamation

National Radon Action Month in Jefferson County, Colorado

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

WHEREAS, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and leading cause among non-smokers in the U.S.; 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, recent residential radon testing has shown that more than half of Jefferson County homes tested are 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 Jefferson County may have elevated levels of radon (even if homes in the same neighborhood do not, and regardless of the age of the home); and

WHEREAS, testing for radon is easy 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health hereby proclaims January 1-31, 2019, as **National Radon Action Month** in Jefferson County, Colorado.

ADOPTED this 20th day of November 2018.

**BOARD OF HEALTH,
JEFFERSON COUNTY, CO**



Lane Drager, Vice President

ATTEST:



Clerk to the Board