

# PROCLAMATION

## National Radon Action Month January 2019

*WHEREAS*, many Carson City 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 for 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 kills more people in a year than any other cancer; and

*WHEREAS*, radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving, falls in the home, drowning or home fires; and

*WHEREAS*, any home in Carson City 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 about half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

*WHEREAS*, testing is the only way to know if a radon problem exists, and testing is easy and inexpensive, and when identified, problems can be fixed; and

*WHEREAS*, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency support efforts to encourage all Carson City residents to test their homes for radon, mitigate radon problems, and have new homes built with radon-reducing materials and features.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim January 2019, as **National Radon Action Month** in Carson City.



Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January 2019.

  
Robert L. Crowell, Mayor