

# PROCLAMATION

## **ANational Radon Action Month@**

January 2021

*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 and the second leading cause of lung cancer for smokers; and

*WHEREAS*, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates 21,000 people in the U.S. die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure; and

*WHEREAS*, radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving and home fires combined; 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 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*, University of Nevada, Reno Extension's Nevada Radon Education Program, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the EPA support efforts to encourage all Carson City 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 Carson City Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as **"NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH"** in Carson City, Nevada



Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021.

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Lori Bagwell, Mayor