

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: January 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Proclaiming January as Radon Action Month

PRESENTER: Chairman Grady Hawkins

ATTACHMENTS: YES

1. Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Division of Health Service Regulation, Radiation Protection Section of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has requested that the Board of Commissioners adopt a Proclamation proclaiming January 2020 as Radon Action Month.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the Proclamation as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board of Commissioners adopts the Proclamation as presented, proclaiming January 2020 as Radon Action Month.

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Proclamation

National Radon Action Month 2020

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that may threaten the health of our citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, one in 15 homes across the U.S. have elevated radon levels; and

WHEREAS, any home 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 for radon is simple, inexpensive and radon problems can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County, the U.S. Surgeon General, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the NC Department of Health and Human Services' NC Radon Program and the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control support efforts to encourage homeowners to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced; and

WHEREAS, many residents in Henderson County don't know about radon, yet need to know, for the safety and health of their families and a proclamation of National Radon Action Month is an opportunity to educate individuals on the available measures to reduce radon;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that January 2020 is National Radon Action Month in Henderson County, North Carolina.

This the 6th Day of January 2020.

Attest:

Grady Hawkins, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board