



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, January is National Radon Action Month and all Coloradans are strongly encouraged to test their homes for radon; and*

*WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring, colorless, and odorless radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, and contributed to as many as 500 lung cancer deaths in Colorado each year; and*

*WHEREAS, any home may have high levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and elevated levels pose a serious health threat to residents; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately 50 percent of Colorado homes have radon levels in excess of the EPA recommended action level of 4 pCi/L and all of Colorado's 64 counties are rated at high risk for elevated radon; and*

*WHEREAS, radon testing is easy and inexpensive – the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website provides links to reduced-cost test kits, making radon testing easier and more affordable; and*

*WHEREAS, all Coloradans are encouraged to protect their families from the serious health risks associated with radon by reducing any elevated radon levels found in their homes, which can be effectively accomplished for the price of a typical home repair;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, January 2018, as*

### **RADON ACTION MONTH**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of January, 2018*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Hickenlooper".

*John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor*

