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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclamation In Support of National Radon Action Month In Chatham County, North Carolina

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

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;

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

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

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 and inexpensive and radon problems can be fixed;

WHEREAS, Chatham 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;

WHEREAS, many residents in Chatham 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, Chatham County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim:

JANUARY 2020 as National Radon Action Month.

Adopted, this the ____ day of _____.

Karen Howard, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
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