

*The State of New Hampshire*  
*By His Excellency*  
*Christopher T. Sununu, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty

**RADON ACTION MONTH**  
**JANUARY 2020**

*WHEREAS*, radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas that occurs because of the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It sometimes enters homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls, and can be present in private well water; and

*WHEREAS*, exposure to elevated levels of radon is an environmental health threat and exposure in homes is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers in the United States; and

*WHEREAS*, the United States Environmental Protection Agency recommends that homes with radon levels at or above 4.0 picocuries (pCi/L) should be mitigated to reduce the lung cancer risk of occupants; and

*WHEREAS*, 30 percent of homes tested in New Hampshire report elevated radon concentrations and any home, regardless of age or structural type, may have elevated levels of radon even if nearby homes do not; and

*WHEREAS*, testing for radon is easy and inexpensive, and the risk of developing lung cancer can be significantly decreased by reducing the elevated radon levels found indoors; and

*WHEREAS*, during this month, we join with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, local health departments, and other statewide partners to encourage citizens throughout the state to test their homes and private wells for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and incorporate radon-resistant features into new home construction;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR* of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **JANUARY 2020** as **RADON ACTION MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens.

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

*Christopher T. Sununu*

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