



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally-occurring radioactive gas that threatens the health of our citizens when trapped in confined spaces such as homes; and

**WHEREAS**, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the number one cause among non-smokers; and

**WHEREAS**, homes and other structures in all 95 counties have had elevated radon levels detected; and

**WHEREAS**, any home may have an elevated level of radon, even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not; and

**WHEREAS**, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive; and

**WHEREAS**, identified radon problems can be mitigated or repaired; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are supporting efforts to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and build new homes with radon-resistant materials and features;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2019 as

## *Radon Action Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eleventh day of December, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Vargo in blue ink.

Secretary of State