

## 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 Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as

Radon Hetion 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 ninth day of December, 2020.

Governor

Secretary of State