

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 18-0113 In Recognition of January as Radon Action Month**

**WHEREAS**, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

**WHEREAS**, each year 21,000 deaths in the U.S. are attributed to radon-caused lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, due to lung shape, size, and breathing rate, children have a higher risk of radon-caused lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the geological makeup of Colorado puts all 64 counties at high risk of radon exposure; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA recommends a home should be fixed if the radon level is 4 picocuries per liter and the average indoor radon level in Colorado homes is 6.7 picocuries per liter; and

**WHEREAS**, living in a home with 4 picocuries per liter is equivalent to smoking 8 cigarettes a day; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that homes radon test every 2-3 years; and

**WHEREAS**, effective radon mitigation and ventilation reduce radon exposure to safe levels.

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** January is recognized as Radon Action Month. The City of Denver should promote and educate Denver citizens, home owners, property managers, realtors, and policymakers about radon and its risk for lung cancer.

**Section 2.** We recognize the Denver Department of Environmental Health for providing free radon test kits, resources, and outreach in support of environmental equity and community health.

**Section 3.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL January 29, 2018

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT