

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** radon is a serious health risk facing tens of thousands of Americans; and
- Whereas,** exposure to radon gas causes more than 21,000 deaths annually; and
- Whereas,** radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers; and
- Whereas,** radon exposure in humans is preventable through home, school, or business testing, and the use of appropriate radon mitigation; and
- Whereas,** it is estimated that one in 15 homes across the United States has elevated radon levels; and
- Whereas,** the challenge is that individuals cannot see, smell, or taste radon, so it is easy to forget that radon may be a problem in any home, school, or building in the country; and
- Whereas,** the potential exists to double the number of lives saved from radon exposure over five years through education and proactive measures; and
- Whereas,** *National Radon Action Month* is a nationwide health observance that seeks to raise awareness about radon gas and its health risks; and
- Whereas,** events in conjunction with *National Radon Action Month* are being held to increase awareness of radon, promote radon testing and mitigation, and advance the use of new radon-resistant construction practices; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia citizens can participate in *National Radon Action Month* by learning more about radon and testing in their homes.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 2026*, as:

National Radon Action Month

in the Mountain State, and encourage all citizens, government agencies, national and community-based organizations, and service groups to spread the radon awareness message throughout their communities, and for all public and private health care professionals and citizens of West Virginia to learn the risks associated with radon gas.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State