

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

RADON GAS AWARENESS WEEK

JANUARY 21 - 27, 2018

- WHEREAS,** *Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Radon is the second leading preventable cause of lung cancer among people, EPA estimate that radon causes about 21,000 cancer deaths per year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Elevated Radon levels are found in homes and pose a serious health threat to families residing in these homes if not addressed; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Any home may have elevated levels of Radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average Radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Testing the home is the only way to know if a Radon problem exists, and testing is easy and inexpensive, and if found, the problem can be easily and inexpensively abated; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Department of the Environment, Health, and Housing and Community Development, together with Local Health Departments, are joining forces to educate Maryland residents of the dangers of radon gas.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim January 21 - 27, 2018 as RADON GAS AWARENESS WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 21st day of January
Two Thousand and eighteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lutherford
Lt. Governor

John C. Winkler
Secretary of State