

RADON ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS: Radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that threatens the health of Walton County citizens; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Surgeon General has warned that radon is the nation's second-leading cause of lung cancer. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon exposure is the top cause of lung cancer among non-smokers; and

WHEREAS: One in 15 homes in the U.S. is estimated to display an elevated radon level. Any home in Walton County may have an elevated radon level, even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not present such risks; and


WHEREAS: Testing for radon is simple and inexpensive, and provides an effective method for identifying and addressing issues that may easily be fixed; and

WHEREAS: Radon Action Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the health risks associated with in-home radon exposure and the importance of radon testing in recognizing such harmful gases; and

WHEREAS: The University of Georgia's College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the EPA are among the entities that encourage Georgia citizens to test places of residence for elevated levels of radon and to build new homes with radon-resistant materials and features; now

THEREFORE: I, David G. Thompson, Chairman of the Walton County Board of Commissioners in the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 2022 as RADON ACTION MONTH in Walton County, Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Walton County to be affixed this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.


David G. Thompson, Chairman