

Board of County Commissioners

PROCLAMATION



- Whereas,** the state of Nevada, known for its natural beauty, is also home to abundant uranium deposits that, while beneficial in certain applications, naturally break down into radon gas—a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that can pose serious health risks to residents; and
- Whereas,** radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and the second leading cause among smokers, contributing to an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths annually in the United States, disproportionately affecting women and posing an elevated risk to Nevadans compared to the national average;
- Whereas,** in addition to lung cancer, emerging research has connected radon exposure to an increased risk of stroke in post-menopausal women as well as a potential link to childhood leukemia, underscoring the broader public health implications of radon exposure; and
- Whereas,** an estimated one in four homes in Nevada has elevated radon levels, and radon concentrations can vary widely between neighboring homes, making community awareness and individual testing essential; and
- Whereas,** testing is the only reliable method to detect elevated radon levels in homes, and this simple, low-cost process can lead to effective mitigation efforts that significantly reduce health risks and improve the safety of Nevada households; and
- Whereas,** the University of Nevada, Reno Extension’s Nevada Radon Education Program, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, continues to support statewide initiatives to educate Nevadans about radon risks, promote mitigation, and encourage radon-resistant new construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of January as:

National Radon Action Month

Dated this 13th day of January 2026.

Alexis Hill, Commissioner
Washoe County Commission

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