

*State of Maine*



**WHEREAS**, radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that may threaten the health of our citizens and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur in the United States each year; and

**WHEREAS**, one in 15 homes across the U.S. have elevated radon levels; and

**WHEREAS**, any home in Maine may have elevated levels of radon even if other homes in that neighborhood do not; and

**WHEREAS**, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive and identified radon problems can be fixed; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine, the U.S. Surgeon General, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the World Health Organization are supporting efforts to encourage homeowners to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced, and have new homes built with radon-resistant features;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of January as

**National Radon Action Month**

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



*Shenna Bellows*  
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Secretary of State

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this thirteenth day of January Two Thousand Twenty One

Janet T. Mills  
Governor