

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
JANUARY 2017
"RADON ACTION MONTH"**

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, prolonged exposure to radon can kill as many as 500 people in New Jersey each year; and

WHEREAS, families who reside in homes with elevated radon levels are at risk of developing serious health problems; and

WHEREAS, any home could have high levels, even when neighboring homes do not; and

WHEREAS, radon testing can be done with great ease at a relatively low expense to the homeowner, with the cost of reducing radon concentrations being comparable to that of any home repair; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are collaborating during the month of January to promote the need for radon testing in an effort to protect the lives of our State's residents; and

WHEREAS, if all New Jersey homes with radon concentrations at or above 4 pCi/L were mitigated, about 83 lives could be saved this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Robert Klingel, Mayor of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, to hereby proclaim the month of January 2017 as

RADON ACTION MONTH

in the Township of Washington, County of Warren and call upon all residents who have not yet tested their homes for radon and to reduce radon levels if elevated levels are found, to protect their families from the serious health risk of radon.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2016


Robert Klingel, Mayor