

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING  
JANUARY 2016  
"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 2016 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015

  
Robert Klingel, Mayor