

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

January 2023

as

**RADON ACTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas that occurs as a result of the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It sometimes enters homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls; and,

**WHEREAS**, exposure to elevated levels of radon indoors is an environmental health threat, and exposure in homes is a leading environmental cause of lung cancer mortality in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency recommends that homes with radon levels at or above 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) should be mitigated to reduce the lung cancer risk of occupants; and,

**WHEREAS**, 26 percent of all valid radon tests conducted statewide returned results at or above 4 pCi/L; and many homes across our state, including those located in overburdened and disadvantaged communities, have never been tested; and,

**WHEREAS**, testing for radon is easy and inexpensive, and the risk of developing lung cancer can be significantly decreased by reducing elevated radon levels found indoors; and,

**WHEREAS**, radon-resistant techniques can be used during the construction of new residential structures to reduce the lung cancer risk associated with radon; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Michigan's local health departments, and other statewide partners are working to inform all Michiganders about radon and actions that can be taken to reduce indoor radon exposure;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2023 as Radon Action Month in Michigan.

A blue ink signature of Gretchen Whitmer, written in a cursive style.

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

