



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring, colorless and odorless radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, contributing to more than 600 lung cancer deaths in Virginia each year; and

WHEREAS, 46 of Virginia's 95 counties and 15 of 38 cities are rated as high risk for elevated radon; and

WHEREAS, Virginians are encouraged to protect their families from the serious health risks associated with radon by taking measures to reduce elevated radon levels if found in their homes; and

WHEREAS, inexpensive at-home radon test kits easily test for the naturally occurring, colorless, odorless radioactive gas; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) Radon Program offers outreach and educational efforts to help combat the lung cancer risk posed by elevated levels of indoor radon gas; and

WHEREAS, National Radon Action Month is an opportunity to educate individuals on the available measures to reduce radon;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize January 2015 as **NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth