



**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 2020 AS  
NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH IN  
FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

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

**WHEREAS** radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers;

**WHEREAS** the National Academy of Sciences estimates that radon causes over 20,000 lung cancer deaths in the United States each year;

**WHEREAS** radon is found in one in 15 homes across the U.S. at elevated levels;

**WHEREAS** any home may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of four picocuries per liter of air, or higher, poses a significant risk of developing lung cancer;

**WHEREAS** testing for radon is simple and inexpensive and elevated radon levels can be mitigated to reduce health risks;

**WHEREAS** the U.S. Surgeon General, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the NC Department of Health and Human Services, the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control, and Forsyth County's Department of Public Health and Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection support efforts to encourage homeowners to test their homes for radon, and to take appropriate actions to effectively lower elevated levels of radon; and

**WHEREAS** many residents in Forsyth County may not know about radon, yet need to know, for the safety and health of their families and a proclamation of National Radon Action Month is an opportunity to improve public awareness of radon and the available measures to reduce exposure to radon;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of January 2020 as National Radon Action Month in Forsyth County, North Carolina;

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.