

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** radon is a serious health risk facing tens of thousands of Americans; and
- Whereas,** exposure to radon gas causes more than 21,000 deaths annually; and
- Whereas,** radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers; and
- Whereas,** radon exposure in humans is preventable through home, school, or business testing, and the use of appropriate radon mitigation; and
- Whereas,** it is estimated that one in 15 homes across the United States has elevated radon levels; and
- Whereas,** the challenge is that individuals cannot see, smell, or taste radon, so it is easy to forget that radon may be a problem in any home, school, or building in the country; and
- Whereas,** the potential exists to double the number of lives saved from radon exposure over five years through education and proactive measures; and
- Whereas,** *National Radon Action Month*, co-sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, is a nationwide health observance that seeks to raise awareness about radon gas and its health risks; and
- Whereas,** events in conjunction with *National Radon Action Month* are being held to increase awareness of radon, promote radon testing and mitigation, and advance the use of new radon-resistant construction practices; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia citizens can participate in *National Radon Action Month* by learning more about radon and testing in their homes.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 2024* as:

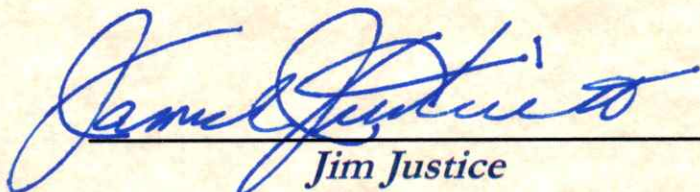
### *National Radon Action Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State