

PROCLAMATION
In Support of
National Radon Action Month in Gilpin County, Colorado

WHEREAS, radon is an invisible, odorless, radioactive gas that threatens the health of our citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, radon is a leading environmental cause of cancer mortality in the U.S. and the 8th leading cause of cancer mortality overall; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Rocky Mountain Region has been ranked Zone 1, an area with the highest radon potential possible by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, Colorado residential radon data has shown 50% of Colorado homes tested as being at or above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Radon Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L (picocuries per liter of air); and

WHEREAS, any home in Gilpin County may have elevated levels of radon (even if homes in the same neighborhood do not), and 61.7% of Gilpin County homes tested between 2005-2022 contained radon levels above the EPA recommended Action Level; and

WHEREAS, supporting recommended radon practices and policies to reduce radon exposure is important to protect our community's health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and is currently provided to residents at no cost; and

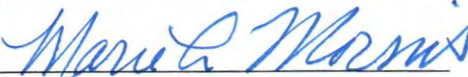
WHEREAS, identified radon problems can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County Public Health, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the American Lung Association are supporting efforts to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced, and have new homes built with radon-resistant features.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims January 1-31, 2024, as **National Radon Action Month** in Gilpin County, Colorado.

ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2024.

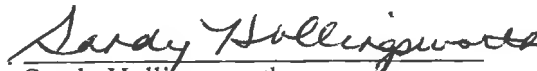
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
GILPIN COUNTY**



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ATTEST:



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