

LEE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

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LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PROCLAMATION

RADON ACTION MONTH IN JANUARY

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that threatens the health of our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, radon causes more than 20,000 deaths each year, making it the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United State and the number one cause among non-smokers; and,

WHEREAS, a national health advisory was issued by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2005 because breathing indoor radon over prolonged periods can present a significant health risk; and,

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, one in 15 homes across the country has an elevated radon level; and,

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, based on data collected by the Radiation Protection Section in the Division of Health Service Regulation, radon is present at elevated levels in about seven percent of homes; and,

WHEREAS, indoor elevated levels of radon is a preventable and correctable problem; and,

WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive, ranging from \$6 to \$30 for do-it-yourself tests with costs of repairs by a professional to reduce the radon level ranging from \$1,500 to approximately \$2,500; and,

WHEREAS, the State's Radon Program and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are encouraging Americans to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and build new homes with radon-resistant materials and features.

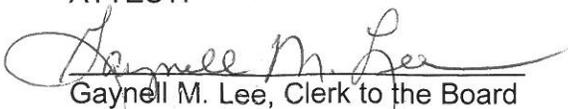
NOW, THEREFORE, the Lee County Board of Commissioners of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2016 as "**RADON ACTION MONTH**" in Lee County, North Carolina, and urge citizens and interested groups to promote awareness of the hazards of radon exposure, encourage citizens to test and mitigate their homes for radon levels and to visit www.ncradon.org for additional radon information.

Adopted on this 21st day of December 2015.



Amy M. Dalrymple, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board