STATE OF MICHIGAN

Executive Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby proclaim the week of October 17, 2010,

Radon Action Week

Whereas, Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas that occurs naturally in soil and rock and sometimes enters buildings through openings in the foundation floor or walls; and,

Whereas, Exposure to elevated levels of radon in homes is believed to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause among nonsmokers; and,

Whereas, Radon is estimated to result in more than 21,000 lung cancer cases in the United States each year, with 600 of those in Michigan alone; and,

Whereas, Nearly one in eight homes in Michigan has elevated radon levels and, in some counties, more than 45 percent of the homes have elevated radon levels; and,

Whereas, Any house is susceptible to having elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring houses do not; and,

Whereas, Testing for radon is easy and inexpensive and elevated radon levels in homes can be safely reduced; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Michigan's local health departments and other partners are working to inform Michigan citizens about radon and what can be done to reduce radon exposure;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of October 17, 2010, Radon Action Week in Michigan. I urge all residents of the Great Lakes State to learn about this environmental health threat and test their homes during the upcoming heating season.

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