



Jon Meade Huntsman, Jr.
Governor
Declaration

Whereas, radon is a cancer-causing natural radioactive gas that is undetectable by sight, smell, or taste;

Whereas, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers in the United States;

Whereas, the Surgeon General and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have declared that radon is a leading national health hazard;

Whereas, approximately one-third of homes tested in Utah have radon concentrations at or above the EPA's Action Level;

Whereas, more than 20,000 individual nationwide die each year from radon-induced lung cancer;

Whereas, reliable and inexpensive test devices are available, and homes with elevated radon concentrations can be reduced to safe levels for a moderate price; and,

Whereas, state officials are concerned for the health, safety, and well-being of citizens, and support reducing environmental health hazards;

Now, Therefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare January 2009 as

Radon Action Month

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