

Nevada Association of Counties (NACO)  
Resolution 17-01

**Resolution in Support of National Radon Action Month**

**WHEREAS**, promoting a broader understanding of the safety risks and hazards associated with radon exposure enhances public safety efforts in Nevada, as radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the primary cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. EPA estimates 21,000 people in the U.S. die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure, and radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving, falls in the home, drowning or home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, any home in Nevada may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

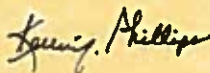
**WHEREAS**, testing is the only way to know if a home has an elevated radon level, and testing is easy and inexpensive, and when identified, homes can be fixed; and

**WHEREAS**, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and organizations across the state and nation encourage all Nevada residents to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and have new homes built with radon-reducing materials and features.

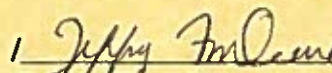
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nevada Association of Counties supports the goals of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the other organizations and urges all Nevada counties to declare January as **NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH**.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

**Attests:**



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Kevin Phillips  
President

  
Jeffrey Fontaine  
Executive Director

