

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Date: December 22, 2011 Agenda Item No: 8
To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Sallie Clark - Vice Chair, Board of County Commissioners
Subject: Resolution to proclaim January 2012, as Radon Action Month in El Paso County, Colorado.

SUMMARY (including information on budgeted matters):

See attached resolution

BACKGROUND (including information on budgeted matters):

See attached resolution

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (completed only if not currently budgeted, and is an emergency, mandated or grant/unanticipated revenue funding request before the Board for consideration):

Not Applicable

Revenue/Funding Sources:	NA
Revenue/Funding Amount:	NA
Subject to TABOR?	NA
Increase to Original Adopted Budget:	NA
Net Cost to El Paso County:	NA
Total Project Cost:	NA

El Paso County Board of County Commissioners
Proclamation El Paso County Radon Action Month
January 2012

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2011, the El Paso County Board of Health adopted a resolution proclaiming January 2012 as Radon Action Month; and,

WHEREAS, radon is a radioactive, colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas, occurring naturally as the decay product of radium, which cannot be detected by human senses; and,

WHEREAS, any home in El Paso County may have an elevated level of radon even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not have elevated levels and testing for radon is easy and inexpensive; and,

WHEREAS, elevated radon levels can be effectively reduced at a reasonable cost; and,

WHEREAS, the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners is supporting efforts to encourage residents of El Paso County to test their homes for radon, to reduce any elevated levels of radon, and to build new homes with radon resistant materials and features, in order to protect themselves and their families from the serious health risks associated with radon, and;

WHEREAS, El Paso County Public Health will highlight the importance of public knowledge about radon and radon mitigation in El Paso County by organizing an educational event for the public to include a panel of radon experts, and will distribute approximately 750 radon test kit vouchers to residents, in January 2012, funded by a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment radon grant, as a part of El Paso County Radon Action Month activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

1. The month of January 2012 is proclaimed as “*El Paso County Radon Action Month*” in El Paso County, Colorado.
2. Residents of El Paso County are encouraged to learn about radon by attending the open-house conducted by El Paso County Public Health in January 2012, and by obtaining a radon test kit voucher.
3. Residents of El Paso County are encouraged to protect themselves and their families from radon-related cancer and other illnesses by testing their homes for radon, by implementing appropriate mitigation measures to reduce any elevated levels of radon, and to build new homes with radon resistant materials and features.

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ATTEST:

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