

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-17

SUBJECT: Radon Action Month Proclamation: January 2015

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 2014

RESOLUTION OF THE EL PASO COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

PROCLAMATION OF EL PASO COUNTY
RADON ACTION MONTH

JANUARY 2015

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25-1-507, C.R.S., the El Paso County Board of Health has the power and duty to issue such orders as it deems necessary for the protection of public health in El Paso County, Colorado; 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, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States, and the Number 1 cause of lung cancer deaths among non-smokers; and,

WHEREAS, much of the State of Colorado is rated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as having the potential to emit high levels of radon; 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,

WHEREAS, 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 Health 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;

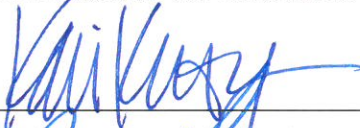
WHEREAS, El Paso County Public Health will highlight the importance of public knowledge about radon and radon mitigation in El Paso County by distributing approximately 1000 radon test kit to residents, in January 2015, funded by a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment radon grant, as a part of El Paso County Radon Action Month activities.

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

1. The month of January 2015 is proclaimed as “*El Paso County Radon Action Month*” in El Paso County, Colorado.
2. 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.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2014, IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

BY:  _____
President

ATTEST BY:  _____
Secretary