

RESOLUTION NO.: 2017-02

SUBJECT: Radon Action Month Proclamation: January 2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 25, 2017

RESOLUTION OF THE EL PASO COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

PROCLAMATION OF EL PASO COUNTY
RADON ACTION MONTH

JANUARY 2017

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 one 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, radon testing is easy and inexpensive, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment provides coupons for reduced-cost radon test kits through www.coloradoradon.info, thereby making radon testing easier and more affordable; and

WHEREAS, elevated radon levels can be effectively reduced in a home for the price of a typical home repair; 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.

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

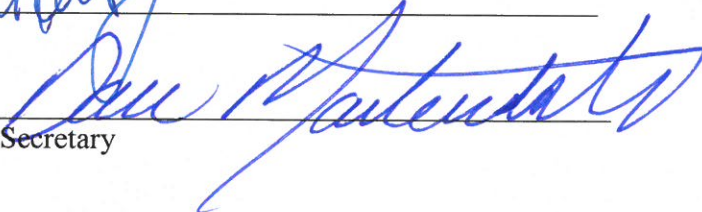
1. The month of January 2017 is proclaimed as "*El Paso County Radon Action Month*" in El Paso County, Colorado.
2. Residents of El Paso County are encouraged to protect themselves and their families from radon-related cancer and other illnesses by testing their homes for radon, by implementing appropriate mitigation measures to reduce any elevated levels of radon, and by building 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 JANUARY 25, 2017, IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

BY: 

President

ATTEST BY: 

Secretary