

Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Radon Action and Awareness Month

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This resolution addresses radon awareness and testing.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- addresses radon awareness and testing.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that results from the decay of uranium found in soils;

WHEREAS, radon is invisible, tasteless, and odorless, and can only be detected through specialized testing;

WHEREAS, Utah has areas of high radon potential, making awareness and testing critical for the health and safety of Utah's residents with at least one in three homes at high risk;

WHEREAS, increased public awareness about radon, radon's health risks, and the importance of testing and mitigation can save lives;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Environmental Quality, and 13 local health departments have made tremendous efforts to educate the public regarding radon exposure and limit radon exposure throughout the state;

WHEREAS, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the leading cause among non-smokers, responsible for approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, January has been designated as National Radon Action and Awareness Month by the EPA to increase awareness of radon and to encourage Americans to test their homes and

31 mitigate high levels of radon:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
33 Governor concurring therein:

34 (1) designates January as Radon Action and Awareness Month in Utah to align with the
35 National Radon Action and Awareness Month and to promote awareness and action
36 concerning radon and radon's health risks;

37 (2) encourages all Utah residents to:

38 (a) test their homes for radon, particularly those in high-risk areas;

39 (b) take necessary mitigation actions if high levels of radon are detected;

40 (c) educate themselves and others about the health risks associated with radon exposure;
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42 (d) participate in radon awareness activities and events during Radon Action and
43 Awareness Month; and

44 (3) supports efforts by the Department of Health and Human Services, local health
45 departments, the Department of Environmental Quality, and other relevant agencies to
46 provide resources, information, and assistance to residents regarding radon testing and
47 mitigation.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to:

49 • the Utah Department of Environmental Quality;

50 • the Utah Department of Health and Human Services;

51 • the Environmental Protection Agency;

52 • the American Lung Association;

53 • the Utah Association of Counties; and

54 • each local health department.