

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, January 6, 2020

Regular Meeting

Item Public Inp1

Mayor to read the Proclamation naming January as Radon Action Month.

Staff Contact: Kim Wright, City Clerk

PROCLAMATION

Radon Action Month

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that may threaten the health of citizens and their families;

WHEREAS, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S.;

WHEREAS, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers;

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur in the United States each year;

WHEREAS, radon is found in one in 15 homes across the U.S. have elevated radon levels;

WHEREAS, any home in Scottsbluff may have elevated levels of radon (even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not);

WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive;

WHEREAS, identified radon problems can be fixed;

WHEREAS, Panhandle Public Health Department, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are supporting efforts to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced, and have new homes built with radon-resistant features.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Scottsbluff do hereby proclaim January 2020 as Official Radon Action Month in Scottsbluff, Nebraska in recognition of the importance of testing homes for radon, I hereby proclaim the month of January, 2020 as

National Radon Action Month,

and I urge every member of the community to test their homes by contacting the Panhandle Public Health District at 308-487-3600 ext. 108 to request a free radon test kit.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2020.

Raymond Gonzales
Mayor, City of Scottsbluff

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