## PROCLAMATION LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

## Recognizing January 2024 as National Radon Action Month

WHEREAS, January is National Radon Action Month and all Larimer County residents are encouraged to test their homes for radon; and

**WHEREAS**, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, contributing to as many as 500 lung cancer deaths in Colorado each year; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 50 percent of Colorado homes may have radon levels in excess of the EPA recommended action level of 4 PCi/L and in Larimer County homes have average levels of above 5 PCi/L; and

**WHEREAS**, any home may have high levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, elevated levels pose a serious health threat to residents, and testing is the only way to know if a mitigation system is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment will be distributing radon test kits at no cost at its offices throughout National Radon Action Month making radon testing easy and more convenient; and

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH THAT:

- 1. The month of January, 2024, is recognized as "National Radon Action Month" in Larimer County, Colorado.
- 2. Residents of Larimer County are encouraged to protect themselves and their families from radon-related cancer and other illnesses by testing their homes for radon and implementing appropriate mitigation measures to reduce elevated levels of radon.

Done this 18th day of January 2024, in Fort Collins, Colorado, by the Larimer County Board of Health.

THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Tony Van Goor, President

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Tom Gonzales, Secretary