



Proclamation

WHEREAS, many City of Sparks residents don't know about radon, yet need to know for the safety and health of their families, as radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the primary cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer for smokers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates 21,000 people in the U.S. die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure; and

WHEREAS, radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving and home fires combined; and

WHEREAS, any home in Sparks may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

WHEREAS, testing is the only way to know if a home has an elevated radon level, and testing is easy and inexpensive, and when identified, homes can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, University of Nevada, Reno Extension's Nevada Radon Education Program, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the EPA support efforts to encourage all City of Sparks residents to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and have new homes built with radon-reducing materials and features.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED LAWSON, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as:

"National Radon Action Month"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 11th day of January 2021.



ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk

