

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, radon is a naturally-occurring radioactive gas that is found throughout South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, radon cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted and may present a problem in any home or building in the Palmetto State, even if neighboring buildings do not have high radon levels; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon causes more than 21,000 deaths each year, making it the second-leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States and the leading cause among nonsmokers; and

**WHEREAS**, radon testing is simple and inexpensive and can identify radon problems that can be fixed; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, South Carolina Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, South Carolina Cancer Alliance, and United States EPA encourage people to test their homes for radon in an effort to mitigate high levels of radon and build new homes with radon-reducing materials and features; and

**WHEREAS**, Radon Action Month provides an opportunity for individuals and interested groups to promote awareness of the hazards of radon exposure and the importance of testing for and, if warranted, mitigating high levels of the gas in homes.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2026 as

### RADON ACTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to test their homes for radon and, where warranted, mitigate the presence of radon and visit [des.sc.gov/radon](http://des.sc.gov/radon) for additional information, including nationally-certified radon measurement and mitigation professionals based in the Palmetto State.



**HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER**  
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