

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, prolonged exposure to radon can kill as many as 500 people in New Jersey each year; and

WHEREAS, families who reside in homes with elevated radon levels are at risk of developing serious health problems; and

WHEREAS, any home could have high levels, even when neighboring homes do not; and

WHEREAS, radon testing can be done with great ease at a relatively low expense to the homeowner, with the cost of reducing radon concentrations being comparable to a home repair; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are collaborating during the month of January to promote the need for radon testing in an effort to protect the lives of our state's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, along with Members of Council, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2023 as

## RADON ACTION MONTH

in the Borough of Watchung and call upon all residents who have not yet tested, to test their homes for radon and to reduce radon levels if elevated levels are found, and to protect their families from the serious health risks of radon.

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., Mayor Signed: January 19, 2023