## **PROCLAMATION**

## A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 1 - 31, 2022, AS "OFFICIAL NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH" IN LONGMONT, COLORADO

- WHEREAS, radon is an invisible, odorless, radioactive gas that threatens the health of our citizens and their families; and radon is a leading environmental cause of cancer mortality in the U.S. and the 8<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer mortality overall; and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado Rocky Mountain Region has been ranked Zone 1, an area with the highest radon potential possible by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Colorado residential radon data has shown 50% of Colorado homes tested as being at or above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Radon Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L; and
- WHEREAS, any home in Longmont may have elevated levels of radon and supporting recommended radon practices and policies to reduce radon exposure is important to protect our community's health and welfare; and
- WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive; and identified radon problems can be fixed; and
- WHEREAS, Boulder County Public Health, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the American Lung Association 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, I, Joan Peck, Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me and the City Council of the City of Longmont, do hereby proclaim the month of January 1 - 31, 2022, as "Official National Radon Action Month" in Longmont and encourage all residents to complete a simple and inexpensive test for radon.

MAYOR:

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