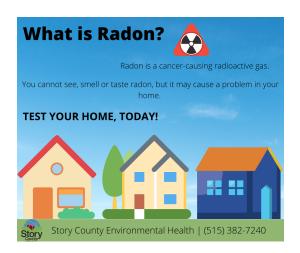


In January 2022, I assisted the Story County Environmental Health department with a social media campaign for Radon Awareness Month. This consisted of a proclamation signed by the Story County Board of Supervisors, social media graphics for every Friday of January and posters to display around the county buildings.

### **Social Media Graphics:**





#### MYTH:

Radon testing is difficult, time consuming and expensive

#### FACT:

Radon testing is EASY! You can test your home yourself or hire a qualified radon testing company.









- Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas.
- It can enter your home through the ground and affect indoor air quality.

- When inhaled, the radioactive particles can damage DNA and cause lung cancer.
- The only way to know if your home has high levels of radon is to test.





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#### Poster:



# **PROCLAMATION**

### Radon Awareness Month

## January 2022

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that threatens the health of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States and the number one cause among non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, one in 15 homes across the U.S. has an elevated radon level; and

WHEREAS, any home in Story County may have an elevated level of radon, even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not; and

WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive; and

WHEREAS, identified radon problems can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, educating Story County residents about how radon can adversely impact personal health; and

WHEREAS, Story County, Iowa and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are supporting efforts to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and build new homes with radon-resistant materials and features.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** We, the Story County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim January 2022 as "**Radon Awareness Month**" and encourages the citizens of Story County to educate themselves and others on radon awareness, test their home for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and build new homes with radon-resistant techniques.