

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

Rep. Tisdell offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 2025 as Radon Action Month in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless,
4 radioactive gas that occurs as a result of the natural breakdown of
5 uranium in soil and rock. It sometimes enters homes through
6 openings in the foundation floor or walls; and

7 Whereas, Exposure to elevated levels of radon indoors is the
8 leading environmental cause of lung cancer and is the second
9 leading cause of lung cancer behind smoking in the United States;
10 and

11 Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency
12 recommends that homes with radon levels at or above 4 picocuries
13 per liter (pCi/L) should be mitigated to reduce the lung cancer
14 risk of occupants; and

1 Whereas, Approximately 26 percent of all valid radon tests
2 conducted statewide returned results at or above 4 pCi/L; and

3 Whereas, Any home, regardless of age, structural type, or
4 geographic location, may have elevated levels of radon even if
5 nearby homes do not; and

6 Whereas, Testing for radon is easy and inexpensive, and the
7 risk of developing lung cancer can be significantly decreased by
8 reducing elevated radon levels found indoors; and

9 Whereas, Radon-resistant techniques can be used during the
10 construction of new residential structures to reduce the lung
11 cancer risk associated with radon; and

12 Whereas, The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes,
13 and Energy, Michigan's local health departments, and other
14 statewide partners are working to inform all Michiganders about
15 radon and actions that can be taken to reduce indoor radon
16 exposure; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the House of Representative, That the members of
18 this body declare January 2025 as Radon Action Month in the state
19 of Michigan.