WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas that is released from the decay of uranium in soil and can seep into homes and buildings to dangerous levels; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognizes radon as the leading cause of home-related deaths in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States issued a national health advisory warning Americans that indoor radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, more than 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year are related to radon, with as many as 1,160 men and women in Illinois at risk of developing radon-related lung cancer every year; and,

WHEREAS, this health risk is preventable as radon can be detected with a simple test and fixed through well-established venting techniques; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Radon Awareness Act requires sellers to provide anyone buying a home, condominium, or other residential property in Illinois with information about indoor radon exposure and its link to lung cancer; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Radon Resistant Construction Act requires all one- and two-family dwellings to be built using techniques to reduce home radon concentrations; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the American Lung Association partner to provide radon information and guidance to families about home radon tests and will join organizations throughout the United State in January to raise awareness about the health risks posed by radon during January 2017;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim January 2017 as RADON ACTION MONTH in Illinois and urge all residents to test their homes for radon and reduce their risk of developing lung cancer by taking actions to lower radon levels in their homes when necessary.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-THIRD day of DECEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SIXTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHT.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR