## Proclamation

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, one in 5 homes in Leon County has an elevated radon level; and

WHEREAS, any home in Leon 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, Leon County, the Florida Department of Health 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 BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA that January 2014 be recognized as

## **Radon Action Month**

Dated this 10th day of December, 2013.

