

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Radon Testing**

WHEREAS, Radon is a naturally-occurring, colorless, radioactive gas formed by radioactive decay of radioactive elements, such as uranium found in soils and rocks all across the U.S., which can move through the soil into the air and ground water; and

WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that radon causes about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year; and

WHEREAS, Radon gas trapped indoors constitutes a substantial health risk as a carcinogen and has been identified as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ranks radon among the most serious current environment hazards therefore, recommends that schools nationwide be tested for radon; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that Tennessee Parent Teacher Association, through its committees, work to inform parents about the concerns of radon exposure and make them aware of low-cost test kits available for their homes; be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Parent Teacher Association recognizes radon exposure as a health risk to children and adults and encourages councils and local units to educate their PTA members and communities about the dangers of radon and methods for radon testing and detection; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Parent Teacher Association encourage school officials and citizens of Tennessee be encouraged to test for radon in their schools and homes to reduce unhealthy radon levels.

Adopted by the April 2023 Convention Delegates