



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Each year, the safety of Minnesotans and the integrity of underground facilities across the state are jeopardized by those who fail to have underground lines located prior to digging; and
- WHEREAS: The consequences of interfering with these lines include service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Common Ground Alliance and Gopher State One Call promote the Call 811 Before You Dig campaign to encourage everyone to call 811 before digging; and
- WHEREAS: A simple call to the national line: 811, which provides professional excavators and homeowners an easy way to request underground utility line locations, saving them time and money and keeping Minnesotans safe and connected; and
- WHEREAS: Other safe digging practices such as calling at least 48-hours before digging, waiting until utility professionals respond to a request, respecting the marked lines, and digging with care around marked lines are just as important as calling 811 before digging; and
- WHEREAS: Gopher State One Call serves Minnesotans by facilitating their line location requests and spreading the message that safe digging is a shared responsibility: "Know what's below; Call 811 before you dig."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 11, 2016, as:

NATIONAL 811 DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE