



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Each year, the safety of Minnesotans is jeopardized by those who fail to properly locate underground lines prior to digging; and

WHEREAS: The consequences of interfering with these lines include service interruption, damage to the environment, 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, is a convenient way for homeowners and professional excavators to learn about their underground utility line locations; and

WHEREAS: The national 811 line saves people time and money, while also keeping Minnesotans safe and well-informed; and

WHEREAS: Other safe digging practices, such as calling 48 hours before digging, waiting until utility professionals respond to a request, respecting marked lines, and digging with care are just as important as calling 811 before proceeding; and

WHEREAS: Gopher State One Call proudly serves Minnesotans by carrying out their line location requests, and spreading the message that safe digging is a shared responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 11, 2018, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of August.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Simon".  
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