



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized yearly by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging. Undesired consequences include service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death; and

WHEREAS: Gopher State One Call promotes 811, the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, which provides professional excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach Gopher State One Call to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS: Through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money and keep our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of excavation; and digging with care around the marked lines; and

WHEREAS: Gopher State One Call serves the citizens of Minnesota at no cost to taxpayers and spreads the message that safe digging is a shared responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 to be:

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage excavators and homeowners to always call 811 before digging.

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 13th day of March.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE