



## 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: The Common Ground Alliance and its 1,400 members promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce damages. Designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local 'One Call Center' 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 keeping 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 mark; and

WHEREAS: Safe digging is a shared responsibility and safe digging is no accident; to know what's below, call 811 before you dig.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April, 2012 to be:

## SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage excavators and homeowners throughout the State 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE