

**The Council Ceremonial Resolution, introduced on April 1, 2016 by Councilmember Vincent Orange, was approved at the April 5<sup>th</sup> legislative meeting as ACR 21-185, WDC Safe Digging Month Recognition Resolution of 2016.**

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize the month of April as “Safe Digging Month” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Excavation and digging activities begin in Spring and Summer, Common Ground Alliance and the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (“NAPSR”) has designated April as National Safe Digging Month;

WHEREAS, The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, as a member of NAPSR, is educating consumers about safe digging practices, underground infrastructure damage prevention, and public safety;

WHEREAS, The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia encourages the public, businesses and their contractors to call 811 before digging near their home or business. Residents must be aware that natural gas pipelines, electric power lines or other facilities may be buried only a few inches underground in easy striking distance even for shallow digging projects;

WHEREAS, The 811 nationwide one-call number provides those who intend to dig or excavate a convenient and easy access to the District One Call Center to request locating and marking natural gas pipelines, electric power lines and underground facilities; and

WHEREAS, To prevent loss of life, damage to property and the environment, and endangerment to the continuity of services, The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia promotes calling 811 before digging and making resources available that can be used for such promotion;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Washington, D.C. Safe Digging Month Recognition Resolution of 2016”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Month of April as “Washington, D.C. Safe Digging Month”.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of the publication in the District of Columbia Register.