

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**WHEREAS**, each year, the District of Columbia's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811; and

**WHEREAS**, consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment and personal injury and even death are potential results; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia promotes the National Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the 811 number was designated by the Federal Communications Commission to provide residents and businesses and their contractors a simple number to reach their local One Call Center; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as **"SAFE DIGGING MONTH"**.