

Proclamation



SAFE DIGGING MONTH

APRIL 2015

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, 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, this number was designated in 2005 by the Federal Communications Commission to provide 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, money and keep our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811; and

WHEREAS, in advance of any digging project, it is required by law to call 811 and wait for marking to be done. When excavating, respect the marked lines by ensuring that they are visible and dig with care around this area:

WHEREAS, safe digging is a shared responsibility. To "Know What's Below, Call 811 Before You Dig":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim April 2015 in Washington, DC, as "SAFE DIGGING MONTH".

