

# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage of those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death are potential risks; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama 811 and its 427 utility members promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig Number 811, to help reduce these 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 Alabama 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 finally, digging with care around the marks; and*

*WHEREAS, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility to know what is below and call 811 before you dig;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as*

# *Safe Digging Month*

*in the State of Alabama.*

*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City  
of Montgomery on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*

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