



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 to digging; and

WHEREAS, Alabama 811 and its 425 utility members promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig Number 811, in an effort to 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 2018, as

Safe Digging Month

in the state of Alabama and encourage all excavators, homeowners and anyone conducting any form of excavation to always call 811 before digging.



*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 21st day of March 2018.*

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor