

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, each year, the nation's underground facilities and utility infrastructure are jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging.

WHEREAS, by failing to call 811 prior to digging, potential results include service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death; and

WHEREAS, Indiana law requires that anyone planning excavation or demolition must notify Indiana 811, and, if a facility must be located, personnel will be sent to mark the location of underground facilities at no cost to the requesting party; and

WHEREAS, Indiana 811 and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, as well as the use of safe digging practices, in an effort to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation 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 the excavation, and finally, digging by hand within two feet of the marks to prevent mechanical damage; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and encourage excavators and homeowners throughout the state to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident.

In Testimony Whereof, I Hereto

set my hand and cause to be affixed the

Great Seal of the State. Done at the

City of Indianapolis, this 17th

day of March in the year of our

Lord 2015 and of the Independence

of the United States 239.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

