



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Each year, Minnesota's underground facilities are jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to have underground lines located prior to digging. Undesired consequences, such as: service interruption, damage to the environment and personal injury, and even death are the potential results; and

WHEREAS: Gopher State One Call and the Common Ground Alliance promote 811, the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, which provides professional excavators and homeowners with a phone number to reach Gopher State One Call to request underground line locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS: Through education of safe digging practices, professional excavators and homeowners can save time and money, and keep Minnesota safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; and

WHEREAS: Gopher State One Call serves the citizens of Minnesota at no cost to taxpayers, and spreads the message that safe digging is a shared responsibility. "To know what's below; Call 811 before you dig"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015, as:

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

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



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE