



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Alabama's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage of those who fail to call 8-1-1 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and*

*WHEREAS, undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death are potential risks; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama 8-1-1 and its 440 utility members promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig Number 8-1-1, in an effort to reduce these damages; and*

*WHEREAS, designated by the FCC in 2005, 8-1-1 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 8-1-1 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, safe digging is a shared responsibility; to know what is below and call 8-1-1 before you dig;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2020, as*

# Safe Digging Month

*in the state of Alabama and encourage all excavators, homeowners and anyone conducting any form of excavation to always call 8-1-1 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor