



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama's underground utility infrastructure is subject to unintentional damage by those who fail to contact 811 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 811 and its 676 utility members promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig Number 811, in an effort to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has designated 811 as the number for potential excavators and homeowners 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 by simply contacting the state 811 center in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time and finally, digging with care around the line location markers; and

WHEREAS, safe digging is a shared responsibility; to know what is below and contact 811 before you dig;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2025, 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 10th day of April 2025.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor