



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Alabama's underground utility infrastructure is subject to unintentional damage by those who fail to contact 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 693 utility members promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig Number 8-1-1, in an effort to reduce these damages; and*

*WHEREAS, the FCC has designated 8-1-1 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 8-1-1 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. Contact 8-1-1 before you dig:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as*

# Safe Digging Month

*in the state of Alabama and encourage all excavators, homeowners and anyone conducting any form of excavation to always contact 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor