



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 26<sup>th</sup> day of March.

Mark Dayton  
GOVERNOR



Steve Pimm  
SECRETARY OF STATE

