



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Each year, Minnesota's underground facilities are jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 and have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in undesired consequences including service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Common Ground Alliance and Gopher State One Call promote the Call 811 Before You Dig campaign, which provides professional excavators and homeowners a simple way to request underground utility line locations; 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: Waiting 48 hours before digging, respecting the marked lines, and digging with care around marked lines are just as important as Calling 811 Before You Dig; 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: "Know what's below; Call 811 before you dig."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016, as:

## SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in the state of Minnesota.



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 31<sup>st</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE