

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Each year, the Nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and

WHEREAS: The potential consequences of neglecting to call 811 may include possible service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Public Service Commission's Pipeline Safety Office, Arkansas One Call, and the Common Ground Alliance promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce damages; and

WHEREAS: Designated by the Federal Communications Commission in 2005, the 811 number provides potential excavators and homeowners with a simple way to reach the Arkansas 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 making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, thereby keeping our Nation and State safe and connected; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and finally, digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS: Safe digging is a shared responsibility and Arkansas One Call (AOC) is the statewide call-before-you-dig center, allowing excavators of all types to notify multiple utilities of their intent to excavate with a single submission of a "locate request";

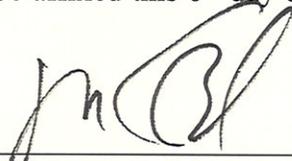
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 2013, as

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across the State, and I encourage excavators and homeowners throughout Arkansas to always call 811 before digging in order to know what's below. Safe digging is no accident.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2013.




MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR


MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE