



WHEREAS, each year, the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage from those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and,

WHEREAS, every eight minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without calling 811; and,

WHEREAS, undesired consequences of this unintentional damage such as service interruption, damage to the environment, and personal injury and even death are the potential results; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois state law requires all homeowners and contractors to call 811 prior to digging to have underground utility lines marked, regardless of whether they are planting a sapling or excavating a major surface; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois and the Illinois Commerce Commission promote the national call-before-you-dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce damages; and,

WHEREAS, designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site. The call and service are free; and,

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; 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 to know what's below; always call 811 before you dig; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Illinois citizens follow the state law that requires all underground utility lines to be marked prior to breaking ground; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois is proud to join in the campaign to spread awareness about 811 and the importance of calling before digging:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as CALL BEFORE YOU DIG MONTH in Illinois, and encourage excavators and homeowners to always call 811 before digging, because Safe Digging is No Accident.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this SECOND *day of* APRIL *, in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
THIRTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH

Jesse White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR