



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, each year the state's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized through unintended damage by those who fail to call 811 before digging; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee 811 and its nearly 600 member utilities promote the "Call Before You Dig" number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS, designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS, by implementing safe digging practices such as calling 811 in advance of starting a project, waiting the required amount of time, and respecting the marked lines, excavators and homeowners can save time and money; and

WHEREAS, safe digging is a shared responsibility - to know what's below call 811 before you dig;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2022 as

Safe Digging Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-third day of March, 2022.



Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Kerney

Secretary of State