



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 prior to digging which can result in undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, and personal injury or even death; 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 reach their 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, waiting the required amount of time, and digging with care around the marks; 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, 2023 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 thirtieth day of March, 2023.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State