



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Georgia is damaged by those who fail to contact 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage, and threats to public safety; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide contractors and homeowners with a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia 811 provides one point of contact, available by phone and online, to help reduce damages to underground facilities, thereby reducing the loss of service to the public and the loss of time and money to contractors, utilities, and taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia 811 maintains its commitment to educate the public about safe digging practices and encourage compliance with the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act, as well as other applicable rules and regulations; and
- WHEREAS:** Damage prevention is a shared responsibility. By using safe digging practices, Georgia contractors and homeowners can save time, money, and help keep Georgia infrastructure safe and connected; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as SAFE DIGGING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF