BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

WHEREAS: Each year in Georgia, lives are endangered, money and time are wasted, and property is destroyed because of unsafe digging practices; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia began the national Safe Digging campaign to advocate for safe digging practices among utility companies, professional excavators, and homeowners; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's one call center motivates statewide excavators to adhere to the message: "Know What's Below, Contact 811 Before You Dig"; and

WHEREAS: Georgia 811 - the Utilities Protection Center - takes calls from the national, federally-mandated "Call Before You Dig" Number, 811, to prevent damage to underground facilities, reducing the loss of time and money to contractors, utilities, and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: This "one call" system is free to the contractor and the homeowner and helps diggers adhere to the safety rules and regulations of the construction industry; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 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 1st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.