



STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Each year, Nebraska and the Nation's Underground Utility Infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to contact the State One Call Center to have underground lines located prior to digging. Undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death are the potential results; and

WHEREAS,

The Nebraska One Call Center, Nebraska811, the Nebraska One Call Board of Directors in partnership with the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, the Nebraska Member Utility Owners and Operators and The National Common Ground Alliance promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig Number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages. Designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators, homeowners and personal property owners a free and simple number to reach the Nebraska One Call Center, Nebraska811, to request utility line locations at no cost at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS,

Through education of safe digging practices, excavators, homeowners and personal property owners can save time and money keeping our state and 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,

All parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April 2018 as

NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in Nebraska, and I do hereby encourage excavators, homeowners and personal property owners throughout the State of Nebraska to always contact the State One Call Center, Nebraska811, before digging. Safe Digging is no accident.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Second day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.



Attest:

Joan A. Lee
Secretary of State

Pete Ricketts
Governor