

Proclamation



SAFE DIGGING MONTH

APRIL 2018

WHEREAS, the 811 number was designated by the Federal Communications Commission in 2005, to provide residents, businesses and contractors with a number to reach their local Call Center; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction across the nation has its own 811 call center to provide guidance to help avoid the destruction and disruption of unseen utility lines; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia promotes the National Call-Before-You-Dig number 811, in an effort to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS, each year, the city's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized due to unintentional damage through failure to call 811; and

WHEREAS, consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death, are potential results of failure to call 811; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia encourages residents to call 811 for any type of digging project:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim April 2018 in Washington, DC, as "SAFE DIGGING MONTH".

