

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, in 2005 the Federal Communication Commission designated “811” as the National Call-Before-You-Dig number, providing 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, 811 service has been universally available in West Virginia since July 2011, preventing untold numbers of accidents; and

Whereas, each year, the nation’s underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; consequences include service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and death; and

Whereas, the Common Ground Alliance and its 1700 members promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig Number, 811, in an effort to reduce these undesired consequences; and

Whereas, through education on safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time before digging, respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation, and digging with care around the marks; and

Whereas, April traditionally marks the start of the spring digging season; and

Whereas, safe digging is a shared responsibility of individuals, businesses, and communities.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 2018* as:

National Safe Digging Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all excavators and homeowners throughout the state to always call 811 before digging and remember that safe digging is no accident.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-First day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.





Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:



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Secretary of State