

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

## Official Statement

OMHEREAS, damage to underground utility facilities such as pipes, mains, cables, and conduits can result in dangerous and costly leaks, as well as fires, explosions, or even fatalities that are often preventable; and

OMHEREAS, created by state statute, Call Before You Dig (CBYD) is a non-profit clearinghouse comprised of owners and operators of underground utility facilities in Connecticut; and

MHEREAS, CBYD guards against the accidental digging up of buried facilities whenever excavation, whether by digging, blasting, or demolishing, is undertaken in order to protect the public, decrease utility service disruptions, and reduce the high cost of damage repairs; and

MHEREAS, the law requires individuals, contractors, utilities, and public agencies planning to excavate with mechanized equipment to notify CBYD at least two full working days before digging; and

MHEREAS, without any charge to the excavator, CBYD notifies all owners and operators of buried utilities so that all lines, cables, pipes and conduits can be located and marked according to a standard color code; and

MHEREAS, CBYD has a proven record of reducing damage to underground facilities, protecting property, and providing for the safety and welfare of both excavators and the general public; now

THEREFORE, to encourage all our citizens both to become familiar with CBYD and to notify CBYD by calling 811 or visiting www.CBYD.com before excavating in the state, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim April 2018 as

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.

GOVERNOR