

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, April marks the start of the spring digging season for homeowners, landscapers, and construction companies; and

WHEREAS, failure to locate underground utilities before digging results in unintentionally hitting underground lines or pipes, leading to penalties, repair costs, inconvenient outages, and injury or death; and

WHEREAS, Washington's free 811 one-call service notifies the appropriate utility companies of an intent to dig; and

WHEREAS, the one-call center dispatches professional locators to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines, safely alerting the dig crew of the danger below; and

WHEREAS, all residents and professional excavators are required by law to call 811 at least two business days before they dig;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

Safe Digging Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 6th day of February, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee