



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes that the issue of public safety is a critical concern, and that underground facilities such as oil, water, sewerage, gas, electric, communication and cable lines represent a significant component of public safety; and

WHEREAS, utilities, municipalities and pipeline companies operate such facilities below the ground in every municipality within our state; and

WHEREAS, if not properly identified, recorded and marked, these underground facilities beneath excavation or digging sites can be an immediate and future danger to the excavator, surrounding property owners and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Underground Facilities Protection Act of the State of New Jersey sets out statutes and regulations that provide a framework for responsible reporting, marking and excavating in order to ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, 811 has been designated as the national dialing code dedicated to access State one-call centers; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, which oversees the New Jersey Underground Facilities Protection Act, and in partnership with underground facility operators and the New Jersey Common Ground Alliance, will be engaging in a campaign to heighten public awareness of the importance of damage prevention and to promote the use of the One-Call Damage Prevention System;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 2018

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UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION MONTH

in New Jersey and commend the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and underground facility personnel for their commitment to the safety of our State's residents.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this ninth day of March in the year two thousand eighteen, the two hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States.

Philip D. Murphy
Lt. GOVERNOR

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