



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, every day, construction and repair work in communities across New York State require underground digging and excavation; however, the breakup, disturbance, or removal of earth near underground facilities such as pipes, cables, and utility lines can be hazardous; and

Whereas, in order to minimize the possibility of a mishap resulting from underground digging and excavation, private companies as well as the general public should exercise caution through appropriate planning and notification of proper authorities; and

Whereas, Dig Safely New York and New York 811 are New York's nonprofit, one-call notification services that help the general public and professional excavators obtain information on the location of underground facilities, which can be reached by dialing 811; and

Whereas, Dig Safely New York and New York 811 strive to prevent damage to underground facilities by helping to ensure the safety of those involved in digging and excavation work, as well as the continuity of essential utilities – water, electricity, and natural gas – and communication services; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of those involved in digging and excavation – whether planning the work, or actually doing the work – to be aware of the availability of one-call notification services that provide a convenient means to ensure their personal safety and compliance with New York State law regarding excavation; and

Whereas, New York State supports the goals of National Safe Digging Month, which highlights the need for safety and caution in construction and maintenance projects that require digging and excavation so as to eliminate the potential dangers associated with such work;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

## SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirtieth day  
of March in the year two thousand eighteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor  
Melissa DeRosa