

RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR

SAFE DIGGING MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Sunshine 811 was created by the State of Florida in 1993 to promote safe digging practices and operate a free access notification system for anyone to call 811 two full business days before digging, and ten business days before digging underwater, to have underground facilities located and marked; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine 811 and its 1,070 underground facility member operators promote the use of the toll-free 811 *Call Before You Dig* telephone number and safe digging practices; and

WHEREAS, by following safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can help keep Florida safe and connected by calling 811 before beginning any digging project; and

WHEREAS, Safe Digging Month in Florida is an opportunity to increase public awareness of the need to call Sunshine 811 before digging and to dig safely to prevent utility service interruptions, environmental damages, and personal injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2024 as *Safe Digging Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-four.

Governor