



## STATE of MINNESOTA

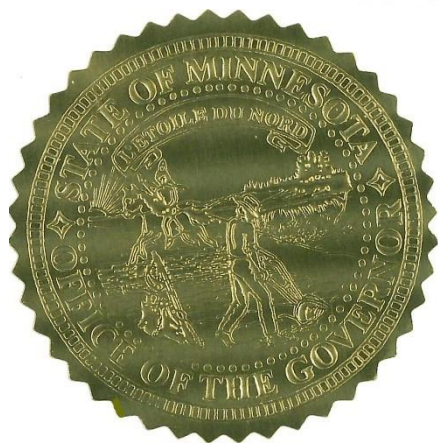
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Damage caused by unsafe digging can have undesired consequences, including service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's underground facilities are jeopardized by unintentional damage when people do not call 811 to locate underground lines prior to digging; and
- WHEREAS: The Call 811 Before You Dig campaign provides professional excavators and homeowners with a simple way to request underground utility line locations; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans can stay safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 or visiting GopherStateOneCall.com in advance of any digging project; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's underground facilities are jeopardized by unintentional damage when people do not use the information resources available to locate underground lines prior to digging; and
- WHEREAS: It's recommended to wait 48 hours before beginning a digging project and always respect boundaries made by marked lines for the safety of you and others; and
- WHEREAS: Homeowners can protect their time, money, and health by learning about safe digging practices or by relying on the expertise of professional excavators to ensure safety for themselves and their neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as:

## SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE