



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri encourages people to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and

WHEREAS, each year, Missouri's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage done by those who failed to call 811 before digging, causing service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and, in some cases, even death; and

WHEREAS, by calling the Missouri 811 Center to request utility line location, individuals throughout our state can help to reduce damages and improve efficiency of our communities' infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri 811 Center performs a public service by offering free assistance to all businesses and residents in Missouri through education about safe digging practices, and by providing a convenient means of communications between the excavating public and member utilities; and

WHEREAS, excavators and individuals can save time and money by calling 811 in advance of any project, waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation, and digging with care; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri joins the Missouri 811 Center in encouraging all parties to know what's below by calling 811 before you dig for safer and stronger communities across our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 2024, to be

SAFE DIGGING AWARENESS MONTH

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of March, 2024.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Oberknecht

SECRETARY OF STATE