



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, EACH YEAR, THE NATION'S UNDERGROUND UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IS JEOPARDIZED BY UNINTENTIONAL DAMAGE BY THOSE WHO FAIL TO CALL 811 TO HAVE UNDERGROUND LINES LOCATED PRIOR TO DIGGING. UNDESIRE CONSEQUENCES SUCH AS SERVICE INTERRUPTION, DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND PERSONAL INJURY AND EVEN DEATH ARE THE POTENTIAL RESULTS; AND

WHEREAS, ALABAMA 811 AND IT'S 650 UTILITY MEMBERS PROMOTE THE NATIONAL CALL-BEFORE-YOU-DIG NUMBER, 811, IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THESE DAMAGES. DESIGNATED BY THE FCC IN 2005, 811 PROVIDES POTENTIAL EXCAVATORS AND HOMEOWNERS A SIMPLE NUMBER TO REACH THEIR LOCAL ONE CALL CENTER TO REQUEST UTILITY LINE LOCATIONS AT THE INTENDED DIG SITE; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGH EDUCATION OF SAFE DIGGING PRACTICES, EXCAVATORS AND HOMEOWNERS CAN SAVE TIME AND MONEY KEEPING OUR NATION SAFE AND CONNECTED BY MAKING A SIMPLE CALL TO 811 IN ADVANCE OF ANY DIGGING PROJECT; WAITING THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF TIME; RESPECTING THE MARKED LINES BY MAINTAINING VISUAL DEFINITION THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE EXCAVATION; AND FINALLY, DIGGING WITH CARE AROUND THE MARKS; AND

WHEREAS, ALL PARTIES AGREE THAT SAFE DIGGING IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. TO KNOW WHAT'S BELOW; CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM ON BEHALF OF MY ORGANIZATION, THE MONTH OF APRIL AS:

Safe Digging Month

AND ENCOURAGE EXCAVATORS AND HOMEOWNERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO ALWAYS CONTACT 811 BEFORE DIGGING.
SAFE DIGGING IS NO ACCIDENT.

SIGNATURE

DATE