



Governor Whitmer

April 2025: Safe Digging Month

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WHEREAS, April is traditionally the month when spring weather encourages Michiganders, excavators, and farmers to begin many small and large digging projects; and,

WHEREAS, each year, these projects result in unintentional damage to underground utilities and pipelines by those who fail to contact MISS DIG 811 to have underground utilities located; and,

WHEREAS, failure to contact MISS DIG 811 by calling 811 or visiting the organization's website at MISSDIG811.org before digging is the number one reason why Michigan residents cause unintended damages to underground utilities; and,

WHEREAS, damages to underground utilities can cause service interruption, environmental harm, and personal injury, and even death; and,

WHEREAS, construction to improve the safety and reliability of state infrastructure is creating more excavating projects which makes contacting MISS DIG 811 and following safe digging procedures vital; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, in partnership with utility companies, safety organizations, and local governments, works diligently to promote safe excavation practices, educate the public, and mitigate risks associated with underground utility damage; and,

WHEREAS, by calling 811 three working days in advance of any digging project; waiting three business days for utility marks to be made; respecting marked lines by visually siting the line throughout the course of excavation; and hand digging to verify the location of marked lines before using power equipment with care within four feet of

marks to protect underground utilities, excavators and homeowners can save time, money;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Safe Digging Month in Michigan, and encourage all residents, contractors, and excavators to call 811 before digging to prevent utility damage, ensure safety, and maintain reliability of our essential services

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