



## 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: People in Minnesota can stay safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 or visiting [GopherStateOneCall.com](http://GopherStateOneCall.com) in advance of any digging project; and
- WHEREAS: The Call 811 Before You Dig campaign provides professional excavators and homeowners a simple way to request underground utility line locations; 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: State law requires advance notice of 48 hours to Gopher State One Call before beginning a digging project; 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; and
- WHEREAS: Waiting for the "work to begin" date and time before digging, respecting the marked lines, and digging with care around marked lines are the basic elements of 811's message of "Safety is in your hands. Every Dig. Every time."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 2025 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE