

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year, lives are threatened and property is damaged when people fail to locate underground utilities before beginning projects that involve digging or excavation; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina 811 is the Palmetto State's toll-free one-call notification service to help the general public and professional excavators obtain information on the location of underground cables and mains; and

WHEREAS, the volume of calls taken by the SC 811 call center numbered 217,222 last year; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that digging near underground utilities can be hazardous to people, property, and the environment, South Carolina 811 and the South Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee work to increase public safety and prevent damage to underground facilities, ensuring the continuity of utility and communication services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the need to call ahead before excavating to establish a safe digging environment that will help prevent damage and protect underground utilities.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

**HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**