

WYOMING SAFE DIGGING MONTH

State of Wyoming By the Governor

WHEREAS, each year, Wyoming and the Nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to have underground facilities located prior to excavation. Undesired consequences like service interruption, damage to the environment and personal property, personal injury and even death are potential results; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Federal Communication Commission designated 811 as a simple number for potential excavators and home owners to reach their local One Call Center to request underground facility locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS, One Call of Wyoming has also established an underground facility location request process through its website, <u>onecallofwyoming.com</u>; and

WHEREAS, One Call of Wyoming and its members promote and utilize the National Call-Before-You-Dig Number, 811, or the online underground facility location request; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping Wyoming and our country safe and connected by making a simple underground facility location request in advance of any digging project; waiting the required time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and finally, digging with safe digging techniques within two feet of the outside of the underground facility; and

WHEREAS, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK GORDON, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, to be

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in Wyoming, and encourage excavators and homeowners throughout Wyoming to always contact 811 before digging.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 11th day of March, 2025.

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The Honorable Mark Gordon 33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming