

## 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: Minnesota's underground facilities are jeopardized by unintentional damage when

people do not call 811 to locate underground lines prior to digging; 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: Homeowners can save time and money by learning about safe digging practices or by

employing professional excavators; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans can stay safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 or visiting

GopherStateOneCall.com in advance of any digging project; and

WHEREAS: Waiting 48 hours before digging, respecting the marked lines, and digging with care

around marked lines are just as important as Calling 811 Before You Dig.

 $NOW,\,THEREFORE,\,I,\,TIM\,WALZ,\,Governor\,of\,Minnesota,\,do\,hereby\,proclaim\,April\,2023\,\,as:$ 

## 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  $22^{nd}$  day of March.

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GOVERNOR

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