

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, Mississippi's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call to have underground lines located prior to digging. Undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death are the potential results; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi 811, Inc. promotes the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages. Designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local one-call center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation, and finally, digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility. To know what's below, call 811 before you dig:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and encourage excavators and homeowners throughout the state to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the ninth day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR