

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Whereas, each year the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage done by those who fail to call 811 before digging; and

Whereas, failing to call 811 prior to digging can result in undesired consequences, such as personal injury, potential service interruption, property damage, potential fines and repair costs; and

Whereas, excavators and homeowners can save time and money by using safe digging practices; and

Whereas, Miss Utility of Delmarva, in partnership with the Common Ground Alliance began National Safe Digging Month in conjunction with the onset of the peak digging season to elevate the awareness of, and participation in, the prevention of digging-related utility damage.

Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor, and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare April 2022, as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to always contact Miss Utility before starting any digging projects to stay safe and prevent damages to underground facilities and property.

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