



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SAFE DIGGING MONTH

- WHEREAS: Each year in Georgia, lives are endangered, money and time are wasted, and property is destroyed as a result of unsafe digging practices; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia piloted the national Safe Digging campaign to promote safe digging practices among utility companies, professional excavators, and homeowners; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's one call center continues to motivate statewide excavators to adhere to the message: "Know What's Below, Call Before You Dig"; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia 811 - the Utilities Protection Center - provides a toll-free telephone number, 1-800-282-7411, and accepts calls from the national, federally-mandated "Call Before You Dig" Number, 811, to prevent damage to underground facilities, thereby reducing the loss of time and money to contractors, utilities, and taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS: This "one call" system is free to the contractor as well as the homeowner and helps diggers comply with the safety rules and regulations of the construction industry; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as SAFE DIGGING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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