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Office of the [COUNTY] Commissioners

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Re: National Safe Digging Month

The [Local UCC NAME] Utility Coordinating Committee (UCC) has partnered with Georgia 811 to promote National Safe Digging Month each April to coincide with the onset of peak digging season. The initiative was designed to heighten awareness of the national 811 notification system. Homeowners, landscapers, and professional excavators are all encouraged to contact Georgia 811, either online or by dialing 811, at least three business days prior to digging. After submitting a ticket, Georgia 811 notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig. Professional locate technicians are then sent to the requested dig site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with spray paint. Once lines have been accurately marked, digging can safely begin around marked lines. The 811 notification system is paramount to the prevention of damage to underground utilities and the safety of [COUNTY] residents.

The [Local UCC Name] UCC appreciates the ongoing support of [COUNTY] in local utility coordinating efforts and is asking [COUNTY] to publicly proclaim Safe Digging Month this April 2026 and recognize the importance of contacting 811 before digging.

The following are opportunities for [COUNTY] to show support of Safe Digging Month:

* Issue an official proclamation of [COUNTY] Safe Digging Month from the Board of Commissioners. I have attached the wording that can be used.
* Post [COUNTY] Safe Digging Month messages on [COUNTY] social media sites. Georgia 811 has social media messages ready to share on their [Safe Digging Month page](https://www.georgia811.com/index.php/safe-digging-month/).
* Record a public service announcement to air on local radio stations or social media during Safe Digging Month. (Georgia 811 also has PSAs available for use.)

We thank you in advance for your support of this initiative. If you have questions or would like more information on National Safe Digging Month, visit [wwwGeorgia811.com](http://www.call811.com) or contact me directly.

Regards,

[Name]

[Local UCC Name] UCC Representative

[Company Name]

[phone and email address]

WHEREAS,

Thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Georgia is damaged by those who do not have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage and threat to public safety, and;

WHEREAS,

In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide contractors and homeowners a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site, and:

WHEREAS,

The LOCAL NAME Utility Coordinating Committee, a stakeholder-driven organization dedicated to the prevention of damage to underground utilities in Georgia, promotes the National 811 Notification System and Georgia 811 in an effort to reduce these damages, and;

WHEREAS,

Damage prevention is a shared responsibility; by using safe digging practices, the contractors and homeowners of COUNTY can save time, money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected, and;

THEREFORE,

I do hereby proclaim, on behalf of the COUNTY, the month of April 2026 as;

COUNTY Safe Digging Month

And encourage contractors and homeowners throughout COUNTY to always contact 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident!!

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*Representative of County Board* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date