



Proclamation

WHEREAS, damage to Colorado's underground utilities by excavation and digging projects directly affects the safety and the economic welfare of our people and communities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado established the One-Call Notification System in 1986 as a fast, easy, and comprehensive way to ensure that underground facilities are properly marked before an excavation project or any digging begins; and

WHEREAS, it is important for excavators, contractors, and homeowners to know that state law requires them to call Colorado 811 (the Utility Notification Center of Colorado) before embarking on any excavation or digging project; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Colorado 811, in partnership with the Common Ground Alliance, will host activities to raise awareness for the damage prevention industry so as to help put out its message: "811, know what's below, call before you dig"; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans recognize Colorado 811 for its continuing efforts to reduce the incidence of preventable utility damages and so help protect the health and prosperity of our state; and

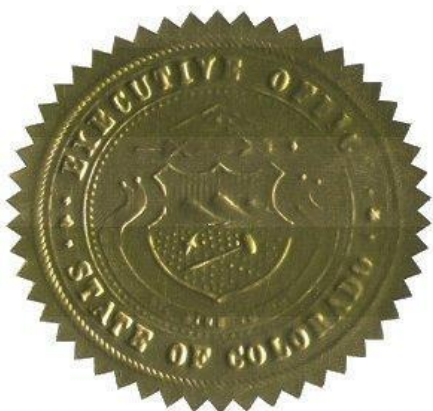
WHEREAS, the Underground Damage Prevention Safety Commission within the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment promotes public safety by developing best practices and reviewing complaints of alleged violations of the One-Call Law;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 2021, as

DIG SAFELY MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this April 2021



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*