

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, each year, the nation's underground facilities and utility infrastructure are jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 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, Indiana law requires that anyone planning excavation or demolition must notify Indiana 811 and, if a facility must be located, personnel will be sent to mark the location of underground facilities at no cost to the requesting party; and

WHEREAS, Indiana 811 and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, as well as the use of safe digging practices, in an effort to reduce these damages; 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 by hand within two feet of the marks to prevent mechanical damage; and

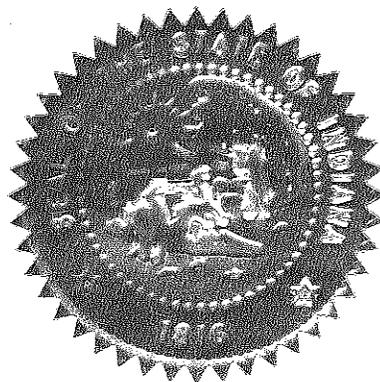
WHEREAS, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility. To know what is below, call 811 before you dig;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

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

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 19th
day of March in the year of our
Lord 2013 and of the Independence
of the United States 237.*



BY THE GOVERNOR: