

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Safe Digging Month is observed annually in April; the designation is meant to remind all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three days before any digging project to avoid injuries, protect the environment, minimize utility service disruptions, and prevent potentially millions of dollars in repair expenses; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 20 million miles of underground utilities in the United States which equates to more than one football field's length of buried utilities for every citizen; it's estimated that about 38.6 million people will dig this year without first dialing 8-1-1 or having underground utility lines marked, and every six minutes, a line will be damaged as a result; and

WHEREAS, excavators and homeowners in Allegheny County who dial 8-1-1 are connected to the Pennsylvania One Call System, a utility service information center celebrating its 48th year of increasing workplace and public safety; it provides an easy, one-call notification about construction and excavation projects that might endanger people and jeopardize utility lines; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania One Call System, which began with only six utility companies in western Pennsylvania, now serves more than 100,000 excavators and over 3,600 critical infrastructure owners throughout the Commonwealth; each year, it receives more than 1,000,000 notification requests and transmits more than seven million notifications, giving protection to utility companies, their employees, and customers; and

WHEREAS, we thank Pennsylvania One Call System for providing a vital service, promoting safety, and deterring preventable underground utility damage by helping people "Know What's Below."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" in Allegheny County, and we encourage our businesses and residents this month and throughout the year to dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before starting a project that requires digging.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2020.

Rich Fitzgerald

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