



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 because of unsafe digging practices; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia began the national Safe Digging campaign to advocate for safe digging practices among utility companies, professional excavators, and homeowners; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's one call center motivates statewide excavators to adhere to the message: "Know What's Below, Contact 811 Before You Dig"; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia 811 - the Utilities Protection Center – takes calls from the national, federally-mandated "Call Before You Dig" Number, 811, to prevent damage to underground facilities, reducing the loss of time and money to contractors, utilities, and taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS:** This "one call" system is free to the contractor and the homeowner and helps diggers adhere to the safety rules and regulations of the construction industry; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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