

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, April marks the start of the spring digging season for homeowners, landscapers, and construction companies; and

WHEREAS, failure to locate underground utilities before digging can result in unintentionally hitting underground lines or pipes, leading to penalties, repair costs, inconvenient outages, injury or even death; and

WHEREAS, Washington's free 811 one-call service notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig; and

WHEREAS, the one-call center dispatches professional locators to the requested digging site to mark approximate locations of underground lines, safely alerting the dig crew of the danger below; and

WHEREAS, all residents and professional excavators are required by law to call 811 at least two business days before they dig;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2016 to be

Safe Digging Month

in Washington State, and I call upon government agencies, industry leaders and consumer advocates to educate residents about state and federal laws to ensure the safety of our residents, homes and businesses.



Signed this 18th day of February, 2016

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee