

# 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 may 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 an intent to dig; and

**WHEREAS**, the one-call center dispatches professional locators to the requested digging site to mark the 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 2023 as

### *Safe Digging Month*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

