

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR


- WHEREAS:** Each year Oregon's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground utilities located prior to digging. Undesired consequences such as service interruptions, damage to the environment and personal injury and even death are the potential results; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2005 the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 as the National Call-Before You Dig Number to provide potential excavators such as professional contractors and homeowners alike with a simple three digit number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility line locations at an intended dig site. The Oregon Utility Notification Center board and its 972 members continue to promote the 811 number in an effort to reduce the potential for damages to underground facilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Through education of safe digging practices, professional excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our state safe and connected by making a simple call using the 811 number in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time (two business days); respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and finally, digging with care around the marks; and
- WHEREAS:** All parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility. To know what's below; call 811 before you dig.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2012** to be

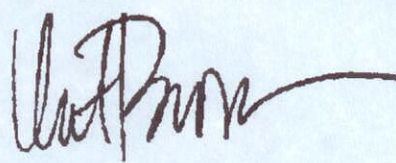
OREGON SAFE DIGGING MONTH

In Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, January 13, 2012.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State