

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 lines located prior to digging. Undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment and personal injury and even death are the potential results; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Utility Notification Center and its 965 members promote the National Call-Before You Dig Number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages. Designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and
- WHEREAS:** Through education of the safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our state safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; 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, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2010** 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, March 23, 2010.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Secretary of State