

# 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 results 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

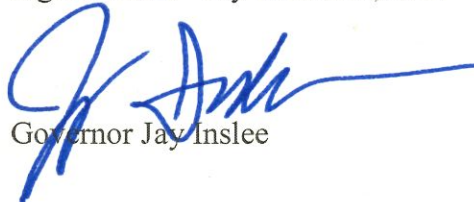
**WHEREAS**, all residents and professional excavators are required by law to call 811 at least two business days before they dig;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April, 2017, to be

### *Safe Digging Month*

in Washington, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017

  
Governor Jay Inslee

