

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH APRIL 2024

- WHEREAS,** *Thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Maryland is damaged by those who do not have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage, and threat to public safety; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland's Underground Facilities Law provides guidelines for safe digging practices whenever a contractor performs excavations or demolitions, including the establishment of a "one call" Miss Utility notification system. This system is free to contractors and homeowners alike, and is vital in helping avoid disruption of service and ensuring the safety of the people of Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Miss Utility Call Center provides a toll-free telephone number in order to promote public safety and help reduce damages to underground facilities, thereby reducing the loss of critical public services and the loss of time and money to contractors, underground facility operators, and taxpayers; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Damage prevention is a shared responsibility; by using safe digging practices, the excavators and homeowners of Maryland can save time and money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 2024 as NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of April
Two Thousand and twenty-four

Wes Moore
Governor

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Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State