

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, each year, Minnesota'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, Gopher State One Call promotes 811, the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, which provides professional excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach Gopher State One Call to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

Whereas, through education of safe digging practices, professional excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping Minnesota 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, Gopher State One Call serves the citizens of Minnesota at no cost to taxpayers spreads the message that safe digging is a shared responsibility and "To know what's below; Call 811 before you dig".

Now, Therefore, the City Council of the City of Edina, does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2015 as:

SAFE DIGGING MONTH IN MINNESOTA

And encourage excavators and homeowners throughout Minnesota to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the Seal of the City of Edina to be affixed, this 7th day of April 2015.

James B. Hovland, Mayor