## RESOLUTION



In Acknowledgement Of

## April as 811 Safe Digging Month

WHEREAS, there is a common thread among all Alabamians to protect human life and the natural resources of our State; which are too often compromised by excavation damage caused to underground utilities; and

WHEREAS, with the shared responsibility by all Alabamians, we can improve safety through our dedication to safe digging practices and avoid potentially serious or fatal injuries while protecting our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a nationwide service known as Call Before-You-Dig, which utilizes Number 811 for calling professional locators to site and mark the locations of underground utility lines with flags, spray paint, or both; and

WHEREAS, the State's dedicated pipeline operators and other underground facility owners are committed to raising awareness of underground damage prevention and safe digging practices by calling Alabama 811; and

WHEREAS, through educational efforts and public awareness of safe digging practices, our State can improve safety through the simple measure of calling 811 prior to any digging projects and encourage Alabamians to acknowledge all markings of underground facilities and use extreme caution in these areas prior to digging.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, does hereby recognize April as 811 Safe Digging Month, and we call this observance to the attention of all citizens.

**DONE** at Montgomery, Alabama, this 6th day of April 2021.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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