

RESOLUTION

By the Alabama Public Service Commission

In Acknowledgement Of

811 Safe Digging Month

April 2017

WHEREAS, all Alabamians share the responsibility to ensure safe digging practices to avoid potentially serious or fatal injuries while also keeping our environment clean and our utilities operable;

WHEREAS, a common thread of all Alabamians is to protect the rich natural resources of our State which, with adequate attention, can co-exist safely with underground utilities;

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 through Alabama 811;

WHEREAS, the Alabama 811 mechanism corresponds to the nationwide Call Before-You-Dig Number 811 to promote awareness and curtail damages by allowing professional locators to site and mark the locations of underground lines in advance of any excavation;

WHEREAS, all Alabamians, whether working on small home projects or large excavation projects, are encouraged to acknowledge the markings of underground utilities and use extreme caution when digging in these areas; and

WHEREAS, through educational efforts and public awareness of safe digging practices, our State can be good stewards of its resources while also promoting "safe digging" through the simple measure of calling 811 prior to excavation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, that we do hereby recognize April 2017 as *811 Safe Digging Month* and we call this observance to the attention of all citizens.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama this **4th** day of **April** 2017.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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