STATE OF KANSAS

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, each year Kansas' 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, personal injury, and even death are the potential results; and

WHEREAS, the Common Ground Alliance, the Kansas Corporation Commission, the Kansas Pipeline Association, and Kansas 811 promote the national call-before-you-dig number, 811, to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS, designated by the Federal Communications Commission in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local one call center and request no-cost utility line locations at the intended dig sites; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money while keeping our state safe and connected; and

WHEREAS, make a simple call to 811 or requesting a utility locate online at Kansas811.com in advance of any digging project; wait the required amount of time; respect the marked lines by maintaining visual definition through the course of the excavation, and dig with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility; call 811 or visit Kansas811.com before you dig to know what's below.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim April 2023, as

Kansas Safe Digging Month

in the state of Kansas, and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 31st day of March, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR: Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab
Secretary of State

Jennifer Crook
Assistant Secretary of State