

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, the South Dakota One Call Notification Board encourages and promotes calling 811 before digging to preserve personal safety and the integrity of underground utilities; and,

Whereas, underground utilities are visually marked to direct excavators to dig safely; and minimize damages and dangers of hitting an underground utility line. The consequences of damaging a utility line could include service interruption, environmental damage, and injury or even death; and,

Whereas, through communication of safe digging practices, homeowners and excavators can save time and money and remain safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 prior to a digging project; and,

Whereas, requests for underground facility locaters can be made by calling 811, or entering the request electronically via the South Dakota One Call Portal on www.sdonecall.com website. Locate requests are accepted by the South Dakota 811 Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and,

Whereas, in 2021 the South Dakota 811 Center fielded over 184,000 locate requests, resulting in just over 951,000 dispatches sent to utility companies to mark their underground facilities at excavation sites; and,

Whereas, excavation activity in South Dakota often increases in the spring months among homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and professional excavators; and,

Whereas, safe digging is crucial to all of us:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2022, as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in South Dakota.

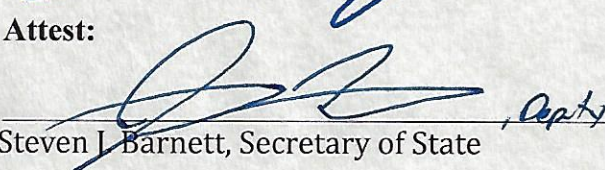


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this sixteenth day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:



Steven J. Barnett, Secretary of State