

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** it is legally required by the State of West Virginia to call 811 before digging; and
- Whereas,** unintentional damage is caused to the nation's underground utility infrastructure by the failure to call 811 to locate underground facilities prior to digging; and
- Whereas,** calling 811 can save lives, prevent damage to the underground utility infrastructure, protect public and personal property, and preserve the environment; and
- Whereas,** the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, is promoted by Common Ground Alliance and its nearly 1,800 members in an effort to reduce these damages; and
- Whereas,** the 811 program has provided utilities, excavators, and homeowners a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request the free location of buried utility facilities at the intended dig site; and
- Whereas,** utility owners, excavators, designers, and homeowners can save time and money and can keep our nation safe and connected through education about safe digging practices, including calling 811 two business days before beginning any digging project.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 2026* as:

Safe Digging Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First Day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State