



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

WHEREAS, each year, the nation’s underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and

WHEREAS, undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment and personal injury and even death are the potential results; and

WHEREAS, Idaho law requires that anyone planning excavation must notify their One Call Center, and if a facility must be located, personnel will be sent to mark the location of underground facilities at no cost to the requesting party; and

WHEREAS, Idaho, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and the underground facility owners in Idaho – including but not limited to Avista Utilities, Intermountain Gas, Idaho Power, Rocky Mountain Power, Qwest, Cable One, United Water, Williams Pipeline, Chevron Pipeline, the Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association, Syringa Networks, and Trans-Canada Pipeline – promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number 811, as well as the use of safe digging practices, in an effort to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping underground facilities safe and connected by making a call to 811 in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and by digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 2011 to be

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in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE