

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To declare the month of April 2019 as “Safe Digging Month” in the District of Columbia.

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

WHEREAS, there are undesired consequences such as service interruption, environmental damage, and personal injury;

WHEREAS, to raise awareness about prevention of damage to underground infrastructure, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is encouraging the public, businesses, and their contractors to call 811 2 business days before digging near their homes or businesses;

WHEREAS, the nationwide 811 number provides those who intend to dig or excavate convenient and easy access to the District One Call Center to request locating and marking natural gas pipelines, electric power lines, and underground facilities;

WHEREAS, to prevent loss of life, damage to property and the environment, and endangerment to the continuity of services, and to avoid compliance and enforcement actions and penalties, residents must be aware that certain natural gas pipelines, electric power lines, or other facilities are buried only a few inches underground, in easy striking distance, even for shallow digging projects; and

WHEREAS, safe digging is a shared responsibility to “Know What’s Below, Call 811 Before You Dig”.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Safe Digging Month Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares the month of April 2019 as “Safe Digging Month” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of the publication in the District of Columbia Register.