



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

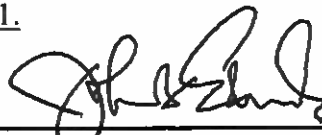
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** each year, Louisiana's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 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,** Louisiana law requires that anyone planning excavation or demolition must notify Louisiana One Call 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,** Louisiana One Call, the Office of Conservation and the Office of Public Safety promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, as well as the use of safe digging practices, in an effort to reduce damages; and
- WHEREAS,** through education on safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping Louisiana and our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines and finally, digging with care around the marks; and
- WHEREAS,** Safe Digging Month is an opportunity to promote safe digging practices and remind everyone that safe digging is a shared responsibility.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of April
A. D., 2021.*


Governor of Louisiana