## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, damage to underground facilities, such as pipes, mains, cables, or conduits, can result

in dangerous or costly leaks, fires, explosions and injuries, environmental mishaps, and the disruption of vital utility services, even though this damage and its

consequences are often preventable; and

**WHEREAS,** all individuals, entities, corporations and government bodies planning to excavate,

blast, or demolish need to first determine the location of underground utilities; and

WHEREAS, Dig Safe System, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, is a free service for property

owners and excavators, established to promote public safety and to protect underground facilities. This "One-Call" system accepts notices of digging from excavators and transmits these notices to the designated utilities, which respond by

locating and marking out their facilities prior to the work; and

WHEREAS, notifying Dig Safe toll free by phone at 811 or online at digsafe.com prior to

excavation work helps excavators to comply with safety rules and regulations in an

effort to prevent unnecessary accidents from occurring.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2024 as

## **SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Vermon on this 1st day of April, A.D. 2024.

Philip B. Sco

Governor

Brittney **W**ilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs