

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, damage to underground utility facilities such as pipes, mains, cables and conduits can result in dangerous or costly leaks, as well as fires, explosions and fatalities, and this damage and its consequences are often preventable; and

WHEREAS, in the past, some excavators, utilities, municipalities, and property owners have failed to request line locations because of the many utilities involved, which has unfortunately led to some of the aforementioned mishaps; and

WHEREAS, Dig Safe System, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, was established to protect the underground facilities of the public utilities by transmitting notices of digging from excavators to the utilities in order to locate and mark facilities prior to excavation; and

WHEREAS, this “one-call” system is a free service to excavators as well as to homeowners, and it promotes safety, reduces costs and times of notifications, and helps excavators to comply with safety rules and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7th day of April, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.
Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs