

**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.

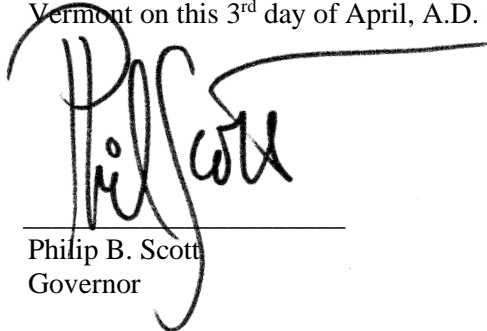
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2023 as


SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3rd day of April, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs