



RESOLUTION

To Recognize

August 11, 2021, as

811 Safe Digging Day

WHEREAS, the leading cause of harm to underground utilities is excavation damage; and

WHEREAS, pipeline operators and other underground facility owners have taken the mantle to raise awareness of underground damage prevention and safe digging measures; and

WHEREAS, with the shared responsibility by all Alabamians, we can ensure safety and dedication to safe digging practices to avoid potentially serious or fatal injuries while keeping our environment clean and our utilities operable without interruption; and

WHEREAS, the date, August 11 (8/11) corresponds to the nationwide One Call number, 811, which provides anyone planning to excavate an easy way to contact the state underground notification center; and

WHEREAS, once a call is made to the one-call notification center, the appropriate underground facility operators are notified of the resident's intent to dig; and

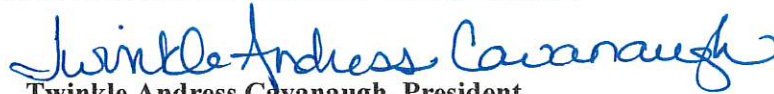
WHEREAS, after such notification professional locators are then dispatched to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both; and

WHEREAS, through education efforts and public awareness of safe digging practices, our State can be good stewards of its time and resources to maintain safety through the simple measure of calling 811 before the commencement of any digging projects, acknowledge the markings provided by professional locators, and use extreme caution of these areas before digging;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, that we do hereby recognize August 11, 2021, as *811 Safe Digging Day*, and we call this observance to the attention of all citizens.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama this 3rd day of August 2021.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, President


Jeremy H. Oden, Commissioner


Chris "Chip" Beeker, Jr., Commissioner

