

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS,** The provision of safe and reliable utility service is essential to the public health and economic well-being of all Kentuckians; and
- WHEREAS,** Utility service to Kentucky homes and businesses is disrupted on a daily basis when buried lines are damaged or severed by improper excavation activity; and
- WHEREAS,** Digging into buried lines damages vital infrastructure, and can pose a threat of injury or death to workers and the public; and
- WHEREAS,** Service interruptions can threaten the health and welfare of utility customers who rely on electric, gas, water and telecommunication services; and
- WHEREAS,** Kentucky's "Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act" requires that anyone conducting excavation near underground utility lines request that those lines be properly located and marked by calling 8-1-1 or the utility company; and
- WHEREAS,** Kentucky's "8-1-1" toll-free "call-before-you-dig" telephone number is the only statewide, around-the-clock resource for identifying underground facility locations, and 312 of Kentucky's utility providers - including all of the major companies - are voluntary members of Kentucky 8-1-1; and
- WHEREAS,** Although public awareness of underground utility protection has increased since 8-1-1 was established, the ongoing problem of damage to underground facilities indicates a need for further public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim August 11, 2011, as

KENTUCKY 8-1-1 UNDERGROUND FACILITY PROTECTION DAY

in Kentucky, and call upon all Kentuckians to familiarize themselves and comply with the before-you-dig requirements in Kentucky and to use the Kentucky 8-1-1 service.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 9th day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 220th year of the Commonwealth.

Handwritten signature of Steven L. Beshear in black ink.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Elaine N. Walker in black ink.

Elaine N. Walker
Secretary of State

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