Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, This year marks the sixth anniversary of the launch of 811, a national "Call Before You Dig" phone number designated by the Federal Communications Commission to eliminate the confusion of multiple "Call Before You Dig" numbers; and

WHEREAS, Calling 811 can prevent injury to workers, reduce expenses to the public and minimize damages to underground utilities; and

WHEREAS, National Safe Digging Month (NSDM) takes a time-tested marketing concept – an awareness month – and applies it to safe digging at a strategic time of year when digging is at its peak in many areas; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of NSDM in April reflects the start of spring with natural connections to Earth Day and Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's 811 number is the only statewide, around-the-clock resource for identifying underground facility locations, with all major utilities voluntarily participating;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 1st day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen and in the 221st year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE