

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Each year, the Nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and

WHEREAS: The potential consequences of neglecting to call 811 may include possible service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Public Service Commission's Pipeline Safety Office, Arkansas One Call, and the Common Ground Alliance promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce damages; and

WHEREAS: Designated by the Federal Communications Commission in 2005, the 811 number provides potential excavators and homeowners with a simple way to reach the Arkansas One Call Center to request utility-line locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS: Through education of safe-digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, thereby keeping our Nation and State safe and connected; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and finally, digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS: Safe digging is a shared responsibility and Arkansas One Call is the statewide call-before-you-dig center, allowing excavators of all types to notify multiple utilities of their intent to excavate with a single submission of a locate request;

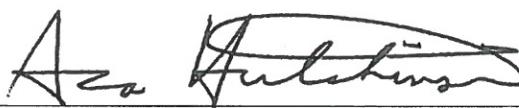
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 2015, as

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across the State, and I encourage excavators and homeowners throughout Arkansas to always call 811 before digging in order to know what's below. Safe digging is no accident.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2015.



  
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ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:  
  
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MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE