

**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 by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and

WHEREAS: The Common Ground Alliance and its 1,500 members promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811 in an effort to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS: Designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local one call center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS: Through education on safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project and digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS: All parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility, and excavators and homeowners should know what is located below, by calling 811 before digging;

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 the month of April, 2016, as

**NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to heed the proper safety procedures when digging.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2016.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest.



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State