

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** each year, the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by the failure to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and
- Whereas,** the undesired consequences of failing to call 811 include service interruptions, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death; and
- Whereas,** the Common Ground Alliance and its 1,400 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 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 site; and
- Whereas,** through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; 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.

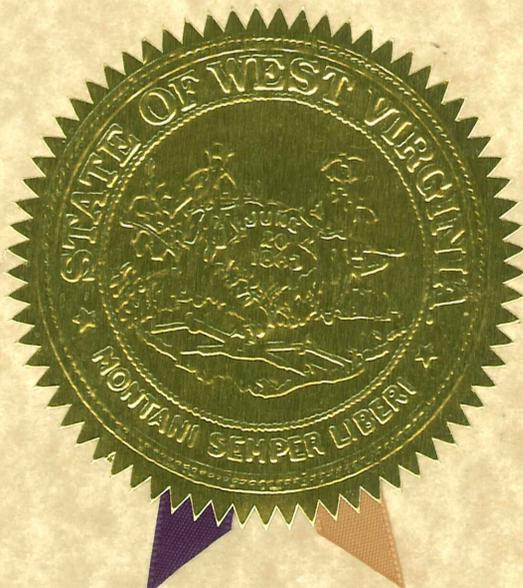
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 2014* as:

National Safe Digging Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to always call 811 before digging.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Third day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-First year of the State.



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