



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, damage to Colorado's underground utilities by excavation and digging projects directly affects the safety and the economic welfare of our people and communities; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado established the One-Call Notification System in 1986 as a fast, easy, and comprehensive way to ensure that underground facilities are properly marked before an excavation project or any digging begins; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important for excavators, contractors, and homeowners to know that state law requires them to call Colorado 811 (the Utility Notification Center of Colorado) before embarking on any excavation or digging project; and*

*WHEREAS, during the month of April, the Utility Notification Center of Colorado, in partnership with the Common Ground Alliance, will host activities to raise awareness for the damage prevention industry so as to help put out its message: "811, know what's below, call before you dig"; and*

*WHEREAS, Coloradans recognize the Utility Notification Center of Colorado for its continuing efforts to reduce the incidence of preventable utility damages and so help protect the health and prosperity of our state;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, April 2017, as*

### **DIG SAFELY MONTH**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of April 2017*



*John W. Hickenlooper*  
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Governor