

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Each year, Oregon’s underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by preventable damage by those who fail to contact Oregon 811 to have underground utilities located prior to digging; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Utility Notification Center provides a free service that notifies utility companies of the intent to dig by calling 811 or submitting a request online; and
- WHEREAS:** After notification is made, professional utility locators provide color coded paint markings on the ground to indicate the presence of underground utilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Failure to locate underground utilities before digging may result in undesired consequences such as critical service interruption, damage to the environment, property damage, personal injury, and even death; and
- WHEREAS:** Through awareness of safe digging practices, professional excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our state safe and connected by calling or clicking in advance of any digging project, waiting the required time for lines to be located, and digging with care around the marked lines; and
- WHEREAS:** Safe digging is a shared responsibility, and the damage prevention community reminds all excavators that “Safety is in your hands. Every Dig. Every Time.”

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2024** to be

**NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, March 28, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State