

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, every few minutes, an underground utility line is unintentionally damaged by those who fail to request that underground utility lines be located and marked before digging, often causing service interruptions, personal injury or even death, and affecting the environment; and,

WHEREAS, a call to 811 has proven to be the foremost preventive measure in excavation safety and damage prevention; and,

WHEREAS, research has revealed that if someone calls 8-1-1 before they dig, they have a 99 percent chance of avoiding an incident, injury, harm to the environment, and even death; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois law requires all homeowners and professional excavators to call JULIE at the state-wide number, 811, before digging to have the underground utility lines marked by its members at no cost, regardless of whether they are planting a sapling or excavating a significant construction project; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois is a leader in the campaign to spread awareness of the one-call number 811;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 11, 2022, as 811 Day in Illinois and encourage every excavator and homeowner to call 811 before digging.

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

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this FIRST *day of* AUGUST, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FOURTH.



Deese White
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR