

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, each year Kansas' underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging, undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, and personal injury and even death are the potential results; and

WHEREAS, the Common Ground Alliance, the Kansas Corporation Commission, the Kansas Pipeline Association and Kansas 811 promote the national call-before-you-dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages, 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 no-cost utility line locations at the intended dig sites; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our state safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 or requesting a utility locate online at Kansas811.com in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition through the course of the excavation; and finally, digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility, to know what's below; call 811 or visit Kansas811.com before you dig.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, April 2025, as

Kansas Safe Digging Month

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of  
the State this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
April 2025

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*

*Scott Schwab*  
Secretary of State

*Jennifer Cook*  
Assistant Secretary of State