



— State of —  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**SAFE DIGGING MONTH**  
APRIL 2019

**WHEREAS**, each year, the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 8-1-1 to have underground facilities located prior to digging, resulting in possible, undesired consequences such as service interruptions, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to reduce these damages, the North Dakota Public Service Commission, North Dakota One Call and the Common Ground Alliance promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 8-1-1, as well as the use of safe digging practices; and

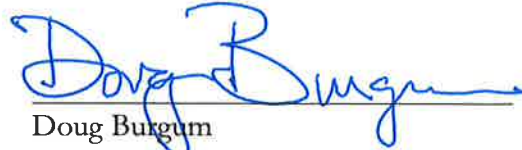
**WHEREAS**, designated by the Federal Communications Commission in 2005, 8-1-1 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility locations at the intended dig site; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota law requires that anyone planning excavation or demolition must notify North Dakota 8-1-1 and, if a facility must be located, personnel will be sent to mark the location of underground facilities; 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 8-1-1 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time for the utility to be located; respecting the location marks by maintaining visual definition throughout the excavation; and, finally, digging with care around the marks; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota excavators and homeowners are encouraged to know what is below and to call 8-1-1 before digging to ensure the safety and connectivity of our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2019, **SAFE DIGGING MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State