



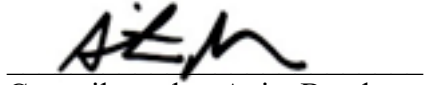
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## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

### IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize the month of April as “Safe Digging Month” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, each year the public health and safety of the District of Columbia is jeopardized when underground utility infrastructures are endangered by unsafe digging. The resulting damages have severe consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, and personal injury and even death.

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia encourages the public, businesses, and their contractors to call 811 at least two business days before beginning any digging project;

WHEREAS, those involved in digging projects must be aware that natural gas pipelines, electric power lines, or other facilities may be buried only a few inches underground in easy striking distance even for shallow digging projects;

WHEREAS, the nationwide 811 number can provide information regarding location of natural gas pipelines, electric power lines, and underground facilities; and

WHEREAS, to prevent loss life, damage to property and the environment, and endangerment to the continuity of services, and avoid compliance and enforcement actions and penalties, all excavators must remember that safe digging is a shared responsibility.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Safe Digging Month Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

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51               Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the month of April as “Safe Digging  
52 Month”.  
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54               Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.