STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

P R O C L A M A T I O N

SAFE DIGGING MONTH
APRIL 2025

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

WHEREAS, the Common Ground Alliance and its stakeholders 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 utility locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota law requires that anyone planning excavation or demolition must notify North Dakota 811 and, if a facility must be located, personnel will be sent to mark the location of underground facilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota One Call Board and the North Dakota Public Service Commission promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, as well as the use of safe digging practices, in an effort to reduce these damages; 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 811 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, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility, and homeowners and excavators throughout the state are encouraged to always call 811 before digging.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2025, **SAFE DIGGING MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE