

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### PROCLAMATION

#### **PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

**April 2018**

***WHEREAS, excavators and homeowners work to keep pace with the Commonwealth's economic development, and, as they do so, it is important to minimize damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, threat of environmental pollution, and loss of utility service; and***

***WHEREAS, Pennsylvania One Call System, a utility service information center celebrating over 45 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth, is key to preventing injuries and damage when digging; and***

***WHEREAS, this unique and vital service – which began with only six utility companies in Western Pennsylvania and the City of Pittsburgh and now serves more than 100,000 excavators and 3,600 critical infrastructure owners – allows professionals and homeowners to make an easy, one-call notification about construction and excavation projects; and***

***WHEREAS, prioritizing safety with an efficient and effective communications network promotes public safety, protects the environment, and minimizes service interruptions; and***

***WHEREAS, each year, the Pennsylvania One Call System receives more than 750,000 incoming notifications and transmits more than 6 million notifications, safeguarding utility companies, their employees, and customers.***

***WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission worked in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Legislature to craft and approve legislation focused on enhancing a statewide effort to reduce the number of "hits" on underground utility infrastructure and better safeguard the public.***

***THEREFORE, in recognition of the invaluable service the Pennsylvania One Call System provides, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 2018 PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM SAFE DIGGING MONTH and encourage all excavators and homeowners in the Commonwealth to call 811 or 1-800-242-1776 before digging in order to Know What's Below, avoid injury, protect our environment and prevent millions of dollars in damages. Remember: Three business days notice is the law. Safe Digging is No Accident. For more information, visit [www.PaOneCall.org](http://www.PaOneCall.org).***



***GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifth day of April two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.***

***Tom Wolf***  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor