
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe
2 Digging Month."

3 WHEREAS, As engineers, designers, excavators and homeowners
4 work to keep pace with this Commonwealth's unprecedented
5 economic development, it is important to minimize damage to
6 underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental
7 pollution and loss of utility service to residents of this
8 Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania One Call System, a utility
10 notification center celebrating more than 48 years of continuous
11 service to this Commonwealth, is key to preventing injuries and
12 damage when excavating and demolishing; and

13 WHEREAS, This unique service provides easy, one-call
14 notification about construction and excavation projects that may
15 endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines and promotes
16 workplace and public safety, reduces underground utility damage,
17 minimizes utility service interruptions and protects the

1 environment; and

2 WHEREAS, This vital service, which began with only six
3 utility companies in western Pennsylvania and the City of
4 Pittsburgh, now serves more than 100,000 excavators and 3,665
5 critical infrastructure owners throughout this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, the Pennsylvania One Call System receives
7 more than 1 million notification requests and transmits more
8 than 7 million notifications to its members, providing
9 protection to utility companies, their employees and customers;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Underground Utility Line Protection
12 Law, also known as the One Call Act, has been used as a model
13 for many other states and at least seven foreign countries; and

14 WHEREAS, Dozens of counties and hundreds of municipalities
15 are following in the footsteps of the Pennsylvania General
16 Assembly and adopting their own proclamations memorializing
17 "Safe Digging Month"; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month"
20 to encourage all excavators and homeowners of this Commonwealth
21 to dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before digging in order to "Know
22 What's Below," avoid injury, protect the environment and prevent
23 millions of dollars in damages; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives remind excavators
25 that three business days' notice before digging is the law
26 because safe digging is no accident and that more information
27 may be obtained by visiting www.pa811.org.