

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 18-0447 Recognizing April 2018 as National Safe Digging Month**

**WHEREAS**, each year the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging. Undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death are the potential results; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, along with Colorado 811, promote the national call-before-you-dig number, 811, 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 line locations at the intended dig site; 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; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of excavation; and digging with care around the marks; and


**WHEREAS**, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility to know what's below and call 811 before you dig.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That April 2018 be recognized as National Safe Digging Month and excavators and homeowners are encouraged to always call 811 before digging because safe digging is no accident.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and to Xcel Energy.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 30, 2018



PRESIDENT