

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 17, 2021

SUBJECT: Proclamation designating the month of April 2021 as North Carolina 811 Safe Digging Month

PRESENTER: Brian Morehouse

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1) Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On behalf of North Carolina 811, Brian Morehouse requests a proclamation to designate the month of April as “North Carolina 811 Safe Digging Month”.

The North Carolina One Call System (NC811), a utility notification and education center that celebrates its 43rd year of service to the citizens of North Carolina, is a vital part of preventing damages and injuries when excavating. This vital notification service started in 1978 reaching 2.1 million locate requests from excavators to homeowners in 2020. North Carolina law requires that anyone engaging in demolition or excavation activities contact NC811 at least three days prior to beginning the work by calling or clicking 811.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Adoption of the Proclamation as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board adopt the Proclamation designating the month of April 2021 as North Carolina 811 Safe Digging Month.

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PROCLAMATION

Designating the month of April 2021 as “North Carolina 811 Safe Digging Month.”

WHEREAS, as utility owners, excavators, designers, and homeowners work to keep pace with North Carolina’s economic development, it is important to minimize damages to underground utility lines, danger to workers and the general public, environmental impact, and loss of utility services to the citizens of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina 811, a utility service notification center and leader in education celebrates its 43rd year of continuous service to the State, is key to preventing injuries and damages when excavating; and

WHEREAS, this unique service provides easy, one-call notification about construction and excavation projects that may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions and protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, this vital service, which began in 1978 serves the citizens of North Carolina from the mountains to the coast, educates stakeholders about the need for excavation safety whether the project is as small as planting a tree to designing and beginning construction on a new interstate; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the North Carolina one call system received 2.1 million notification requests and transmitted over 12.2 million requests, providing protection to utility companies infrastructure, their employees, excavators, and customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Henderson County Board of Commissioners has designated the month of April 2021 as “North Carolina 811 Safe Digging Month” to encourage all excavators and homeowners of Henderson County to contact 8-1-1 either by dialing 8-1-1 or contacting NC811 via the webpage of NC811.org at least three working days prior to digging in order to “Know What’s Below,” avoid injury, protect the environment, prevent millions of dollars in damages and to remind excavators that three working days’ notice is the law, for safe digging is no accident, and that more information may be obtained by visiting www.nc811.org.

THIS the 17th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM LAPSLEY, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board