

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Along with posing a threat to property such as dangerous or costly leaks, fires and explosions, preventable damage to underground facilities, such as pipes, mains, cables, and conduits can cause injuries, fatalities, dangerous or costly leaks, fires, and explosions; and

Whereas, Dig Safe System, Incorporated is a not-for-profit corporation, funded by its member utility companies, that protects the underground facilities of public utilities by collecting notices of digging from excavators, transmitting these notices to the utilities, and thereby enabling those utilities to locate and mark out their facilities prior to the excavation work; and

Whereas, By providing a toll free number for the exchange of necessary information, the Dig Safe Center and its damage prevention program promote public safety, help avoid costly damage to underground utilities, and reduce the cost and time of notifications; and

Whereas, The "One-Call" system is a free service to contractors and homeowners that helps excavators comply with construction industry safety rules and regulations; and

Whereas, It is important that all Massachusetts residents are informed of safe digging practices and the toll free number, 811,

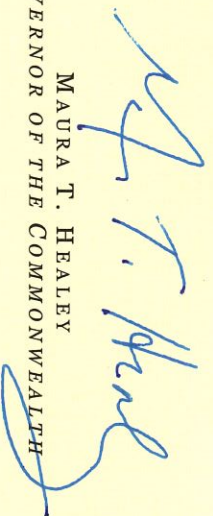
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 2024, to be,

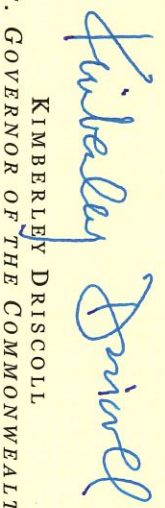
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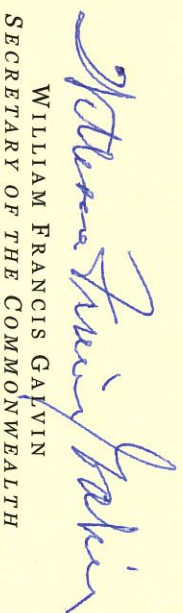
And urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of April, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.

BY HER EXCELLENCY


MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts