

PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH PROCLAMATION

Whereas, engineers, designers, excavators and homeowners work to keep pace with the Commonwealth's unprecedented economic development, by dialing 8-1-1 in advance of excavation to minimize damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution and loss of utility service to Pennsylvania citizens; and

Whereas, this unique service provides easy, one-call notification about excavation projects which 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 with only six utility companies; now serves more than 100,000 excavators and over 3,600 critical infrastructure owners throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, each year Pennsylvania 811 receives more than 800,000 notification requests and transmits more than six million notifications, providing protection to utility companies, their employees, customers and citizens of Ferguson Township.

Now, therefore, it is proclaimed that Ferguson Township recognizes the month of April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" and encourage all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project, including even small projects such as planting a tree, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or swimming pool or replacing a driveway, in order to avoid injury, protect the environment, prevent millions of dollars in damages and to remind excavators that three business days' notice is the law for safe digging.

Proclaimed this 20th day of January 2020.

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors,



Steve Miller, Chairman