



Township of

FERGUSON

Pennsylvania

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO RECOGNIZE APRIL AS PENNSYLVANIA SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Whereas, the month of April 2023 is recognized as “Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month”; and

Whereas, the initiative is sponsored by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center with over 50 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania 811 received over 1 million excavation notifications in 2022, and transmitted approximately 6.8 million notifications to their member facility owners and operators allowing essential utility and construction crews to provide vital underground services and repair of critical infrastructure to communities throughout Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, their mission is to prevent damage to underground facilities, to promote safety, provide an efficient and effective communications network among project owners, designers, excavators, and facility owners; and

Whereas, when contacting 811, at least three business days before digging, a homeowner or a contractor is connected to a unique service that notifies the appropriate underground utility operators in the municipality in which the work will be performed; and

Whereas, by notifying 811 of their intent to dig, the homeowner or contractor is knowingly helping to protect the underground utilities, themselves, work crew, and their neighbors from any unsafe digging practices within their community; and

Now, therefore, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors, in support of the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law, PA Act 287 of 1974, does hereby designate April 2023 as Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month. We encourage all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.pa1call.org for information about digging safely.

Proclaimed this 21st day of March 2023.

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors

Lisa Strickland, Chair