



2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 112

February 12, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives KLEEFISCH, BERCEAU, HORLACHER, MURPHY, PETRYK, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK and C. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Senators MOULTON, BEWLEY and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** recognition of the importance of calling 811 prior to excavation and
2 declaring April 2016 as Safe Digging Month.

3 Whereas, each year, the underground utility infrastructure of Wisconsin,
4 including pipelines and electric, gas, telecommunications, water, sewer, and cable
5 television lines, is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to
6 have underground lines located prior to digging; and

7 Whereas, some utility lines are buried only a few inches underground, making
8 the lines easy to strike, even during shallow digging projects; and

9 Whereas, digging prior to locating underground utility lines often results in
10 unintended consequences, such as service interruption, environmental damage,
11 personal injury, and even death; and

12 Whereas, the month of April marks the beginning of the peak period during
13 which excavation projects are carried out across Wisconsin; and

1 Whereas, Wisconsin Statute 182.0175 establishes one-call system
2 requirements for excavators — including homeowners and construction contractors
3 — to call the one-call center at least three days prior to beginning any work; and

4 Whereas, in 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 as
5 the nationwide number for one-call services, a service in Wisconsin that is also
6 known as Diggers Hotline; and

7 Whereas, Wisconsinites can also access the 811 service by visiting
8 clickbeforeyoudig.com; now, therefore, be it

9 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
10 hereby proclaims April 2016 as Safe Digging Month in Wisconsin and commends this
11 observance to all residents; and, be it further

12 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the legislature call upon all residents to call
13 or click before they dig as their action could save a life.

14 (END)