



## 2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 24

March 24, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives KRUG, E. BROOKS, KULP, MURPHY, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI and THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senators TESTIN, COWLES and MARKLEIN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1       **Relating to:** recognition of the importance of calling 811 prior to excavation and  
2            declaring April 2017 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

