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Relating to: recognition of the importance of calling 811 prior to excavation and 1 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 Whereas, some utility lines are buried only a few inches underground, making 7 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

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 senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature
10	hereby proclaims April 2017 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)