



Governor
Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** each year, Louisiana's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call to have underground lines located prior to digging; and
- WHEREAS,** undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death are the potential results; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana law requires that anyone planning excavation or demolition must notify Louisiana One Call and, if a facility must be located, personnel will be sent to mark the location of underground facilities at no cost to the requesting party; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana One Call, the state Department of Natural Resources and the state Office of Public Safety promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, as well as the use of safe digging practices, in an effort to reduce these damages; and
- WHEREAS,** through education on safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping Louisiana and our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines, and finally, digging with care around the marks; and
- WHEREAS,** all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 1st day of May
A.D., 2009.*

Governor of Louisiana

*Attest By
The Governor*

Secretary of State