

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Illinois Commerce Commission	:	
On Its Own Motion	:	
	:	<b>12-0268</b>
<b>Supports 811- the Call Before You</b>	:	
<b>Dig to Locate Utility Lines</b>	:	

RESOLUTION

By the Commission:

WHEREAS, each year, the nation’s underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage from failures to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging. Failing to call 811 can result in utility service interruption, damage to the environment, property damage, personal injury and even death; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Commerce Commission wishes to promote the widespread use of the call-before-you dig number in an effort to reduce damages, injuries and deaths in Illinois: remember to call 811, the number designated by the Federal Communications Commission in 2005 to provide excavators and homeowners with a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility line locations at any excavation site; and

WHEREAS, through education about safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money and keep our nation safe and connected by making a call to 811 in advance on any digging project, waiting the required time for utility lines to be marked, respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation, and digging with care around marked utility lines; and

WHEREAS, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility and we should all know what’s below ground: call 811 before you dig;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Illinois Commerce Commission that the month of April, 2012 is hereby commemorated as National Safe Digging Month.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that excavators and homeowners throughout the state should protect our utility infrastructure by calling 811 before digging and be reminded that “safe digging is no accident.”

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be served on all utilities under any jurisdiction of the Commission.

By order of this Commission on the 4th day of April, 2012.

(SIGNED) Douglas P. Scott  
Chairman