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**Buddy Johnson, Mayor**  
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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the month of April 2024 recognized as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and the initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center with 52 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

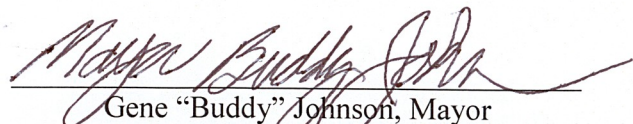
**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania 811 received a million excavation notifications in 2023, over 3,000 construction projects in Coordinate PA, and transmitted approximately 6 million notifications to their member facility owners and operators allowing essential utility and construction crews to provide vital underground services and repair of critical infrastructure to communities throughout Pennsylvania, and

**WHEREAS**, when contacting 811, at least three business days before digging, a homeowner or a contractor is connected to a unique service that notifies the appropriate underground utility operators in the municipality in which the work will be performed, and

**WHEREAS**, by notifying 811 of their intent to dig, the homeowner or contractor is knowingly helping to protect the underground utilities, themselves, the work crew, and their neighbors from any unsafe digging practices within their community, and

**WHEREAS**, upon receiving the notification from Pennsylvania 811, the facility owners and operators disperse to the said work site to mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines with flags, paint, or both, to establish an eighteen-inch tolerance zone of the outside wall or edge of their line or facility, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Gene "Buddy" Johnson, Mayor of the Borough of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania,, in support of the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law, PA Act 287 of 1974, as amended, we do hereby proclaim April 2024 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and encourage all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at [www.paonecall.org](http://www.paonecall.org) for information about digging safely.

  
Gene “Buddy” Johnson, Mayor  
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