

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, Alaska's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage; and

WHEREAS, undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, and potential personal injury can occur; and

WHEREAS, 811 was designated as the national call-before-you-dig number in 2005 and is an active, free service throughout Alaska that dispatches utilities to locate lines at the subject property; and

WHEREAS, placing a call to 811 two days before digging, respecting the marked lines, and digging with care around the marked areas, greatly reduces the risk of hitting a utility line; and

WHEREAS, April is nationally recognized as safe digging month and serves to promote public awareness about the importance of call 811 and digging safety; and

WHEREAS, the rate at which Alaskans hit utility lines is three times greater than the national average, thus local and statewide efforts are necessary to increase awareness of 811 and safe digging, to prevent damage to underground utility infrastructure, and ensure public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Pierce, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim April as:

Safe Digging Month

In furtherance of this proclamation, I encourage all residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough to spread awareness about safe digging practices, and to always call 811 before digging.



Charlie Pierce
Mayor