

*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 the Borough that dispatches utilities to locate underground lines at the subject property; and

**WHEREAS**, placing a call to 811 at least two business days before digging, respecting the marked lines, and hand digging within the tolerance zone, greatly reduces the risk of hitting a utility line; and

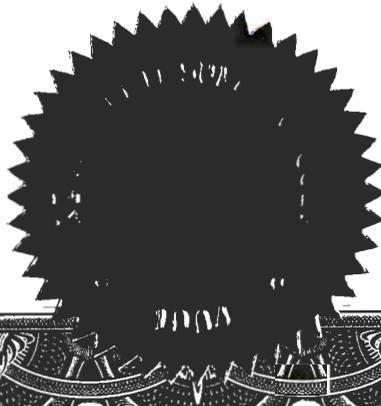
**WHEREAS**, April is nationally recognized as Safe Digging Month and serves to promote public awareness about the importance of calling 811 and digging safely; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mike Navarre, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as:

*Safe Digging Month*

in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and encourage all residents to spread awareness about safe digging practices, and to always call 811 before digging.



*Mike Navarre*  
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Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor