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Jefferson City, Missouri – On Wednesday, March 17, 2010, Governor Jay Nixon offered an official proclamation acknowledging April as Missouri’s Safe Digging Month. The intention of the proclamation was to recognize the necessity of calling before you dig to avoid damaging underground utility infrastructure.

Gov. Nixon underscored how critical the One Call process is to the safety of Missouri citizens and to the quality of life and the health of Missouri’s economy. “Missouri’s citizens and businesses depend on safe and reliable utility service, and the service provided by Missouri One Call System is absolutely essential to delivering that service,” Nixon declared as he presented the proclamation to Craig Hoferlin, President of the Missouri One Call System Board of Directors.

April is recognized nationwide as the “Safe Digging Month” and is designed to raise awareness as professional excavators and the general public begin projects in and around where utility lines may be buried. Missouri One Call System, in conjunction with the Common Ground Alliance, concentrates their efforts on educating the excavating community and homeowners about the importance of calling before you dig.

Missouri state law requires anyone digging in the state to contact the Missouri One Call System to request that utilities mark where their facilities are located. After marks are provided, excavators including homeowners are obligated to dig carefully and prudently in the areas where utilities have been marked. The service is free of charge and can be accessed by calling 1-800-DIG-RITE, by calling 811, or by submitting requests via the Internet at www.mo1call.com. Additional requirements and information can be found on the Missouri One Call System website as well.

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