

# Proclamation



## SAFE DIGGING MONTH

*"Know What's Below, Call 811 Before You Dig"*

APRIL 2017

**WHEREAS**, each year, the District of Columbia's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized due to unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811; and

**WHEREAS**, service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death are potential results of failing to call 811; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the 811 number was designated by the Federal Communications Commission to provide residents, businesses and contractors with a number to reach their local Call Center:

**WHEREAS**, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia promotes the National Call-Before-You-Dig number 811, in an effort to reduce these damages; and

**WHEREAS**, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia encourages residents to call 811 for any type of digging project, i.e., installing a mailbox, planting a tree or building a deck:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim April 2017 in Washington, DC, as "SAFE DIGGING MONTH".



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written over a horizontal line.