

DIG SAFELY MONTH

WHEREAS: Each year in Georgia, lives are endangered, money and time are wasted and property is destroyed because people fail to follow safe digging practices as prescribed by the national Dig Safely campaign; and

WHEREAS: Georgia piloted the national Dig Safely campaign, and the state's one call center continues to motivate statewide excavators with these messages: call before you dig, wait the required amount of time, respect the marks and dig with care: and

WHEREAS: The Utilities Protection Center provides a toll-free telephone number, 1-800-282-7411, to help reduce damages to underground facilities, thereby reducing the loss of service to the public and the loss of time and money to contractors, utilities and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: This "one-call" system, which is free to the contractor as well as the homeowner, also helps diggers comply with the safety rules and regulations of the construction industry; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2003 as DIG SAFELY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this first of May in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

