

City of Grover Beach, California

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH DECLARING APRIL 2014 AS "CALIFORNIA SAFE DIGGING MONTH"

WHEREAS, excavators, homeowners, and professional contractors can save time and money while making California's communities a safer place to live and work by dialing 8-1-1 in advance of all digging projects; and

WHEREAS, the 8-1-1 "Call Before You Dig" program is a vital public education and awareness program dealing with the safety of subsurface excavation, and education is the key to promoting safe digging practices; and

WHEREAS, the five steps to safe excavation are: survey and mark, call before you dig, wait the required time, respect the marks, and dig with care; and

WHEREAS, more than 170,000 underground utility lines are struck each year in the United States and approximately 33 percent of all digging damages in the United States result from not calling 8-1-1 before digging; and

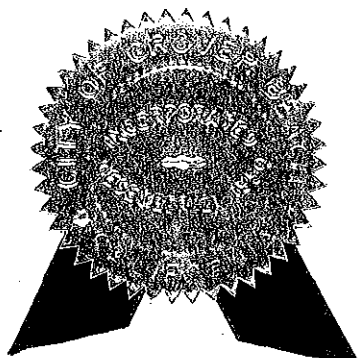
WHEREAS, undesired consequences, such as service interruption, outages, damage to public and private infrastructure and property, damage to the environment, personal injury, and death, are risked by failing to call 8-1-1 before digging or safely marking utility lines; and

WHEREAS, calling 8-1-1 to be connected to a "One Call Center" before digging, respecting the color-coded lines that demarcate underground utilities, and digging with care around the marked lines will help keep Californians safe and prevent damages and destruction; and

WHEREAS, as California's economy recovers from the recent recession and the state's economic recovery stimulates new construction, new construction requires supporting infrastructure, and California's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to call before digging; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Grover Beach does hereby officially proclaim April 2014 as "California Safe Digging Month" and encourage all excavators, homeowners, and professional contractors to call 8-1-1 in advance of all digging projects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Grover Beach to be affixed this 21st day of April, 2014.



DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

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