

# Proclamation

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DESIGNATING AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> 2014 AS**

## **NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING DAY**

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**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 811 in advance of all digging projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the 811 “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 a safe excavation are: survey and mark, call before you dig, wait the required time, respect the marks, and dig with care; and

**WHEREAS**, utility lines are often buried only a few inches underground, making them easy to strike and cause damage and harm even during shallow excavation projects, and 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 811 before digging; and

**WHEREAS**, calling 811 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**, Underground Service Alert of Northern California and Nevada, in cooperation with California’s public and private utilities, provide an effective damage prevention service that protects California’s citizens, communities, public services, environment and underground facilities at no cost to the caller, and the free notification service has dramatically reduced the number of accidents causing property damage, personal injury and interruption of vital services

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates August 11, 2014 as National Safe Digging Day and encourages all excavators, homeowners and professional contractors to call 811 in advance of all digging projects.

**Dated: August 11, 2014**

**SUPERVISORS:**

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**DAVE PINE, President**

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**CAROLE GROOM**

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**DON HORLSEY**

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**WARREN SLOCUM**

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**ADRIENNE J. TISSIER**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**