

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year, lives are threatened and property is damaged when people fail to locate underground utilities before beginning projects that involve digging or excavation; and

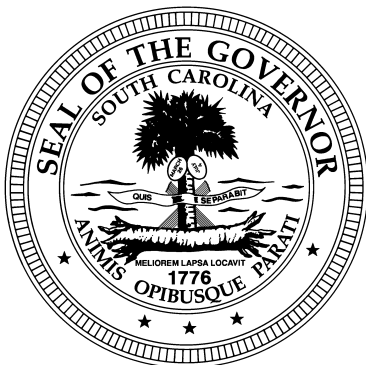
WHEREAS, Palmetto Utilities Protection Service, Inc., is South Carolina's toll-free one-call notification service to help the general public and professional excavators obtain information on the location of underground cables and mains; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that digging near underground utilities can be hazardous to people and property, Palmetto Utilities Protection Service and the South Carolina Utilities Coordination Committee work to increase public safety and prevent damage to underground facilities, ensuring the continuity of utility and communication services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 26 - May 1, 2009, as

PREVENTION OF UTILITY DAMAGE CALL BEFORE YOU DIG WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the need to call ahead before starting to dig to prevent damage to underground utilities.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA