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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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QUIGLEY, READSHAW, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, STAATS, WARD, WATSON AND  
ZIMMERMAN, MARCH 22, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 22, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2017 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe  
2 Digging Month."

3 WHEREAS, As engineers, designers, excavators and homeowners  
4 work to keep pace with this Commonwealth's unprecedented  
5 economic development, it is important to minimize damage to  
6 underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental  
7 pollution and loss of utility service to residents of this  
8 Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania One Call System, a utility service  
10 information center celebrating more than 45 years of continuous  
11 service to this Commonwealth, is key to preventing injuries and  
12 damage when excavating; and

13 WHEREAS, This unique service provides easy, one-call  
14 notification about construction and excavation projects which  
15 may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while  
16 promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground

1 utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions and  
2 protecting the environment; and

3 WHEREAS, This vital service, which began with only six  
4 utility companies in western Pennsylvania and the City of  
5 Pittsburgh, now serves more than 100,000 excavators and 3,600  
6 critical infrastructure owners throughout this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Each year, the Pennsylvania One Call System receives  
8 more than 815,000 notification requests and transmits more than  
9 6 million notifications, providing protection to utility  
10 companies, their employees and customers; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Underground Utility Line Protection  
12 Law, referred to as the One Call Act, has been used as a model  
13 for dozens of other states and at least seven foreign countries;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Dozens of municipalities are following in the  
16 footsteps of the General Assembly and adopting their own  
17 proclamations memorializing safe digging month; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
19 month of April 2017 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month"  
20 to encourage all excavators and homeowners of this Commonwealth  
21 to dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before digging in order to "Know  
22 What's Below," avoid injury, protect the environment and prevent  
23 millions of dollars in damages and to remind excavators that  
24 three business days' notice is the law, that safe digging is no  
25 accident and that more information may be obtained by visiting  
26 [www.palcall.org](http://www.palcall.org).