

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH  
5, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2012 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 Pennsylvania citizens;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania One Call System, a utility service  
10 information center celebrating more than 40 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

1 promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground  
2 utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions and  
3 protecting the environment; and

4 WHEREAS, This vital service, which began with only six  
5 utility companies in western Pennsylvania and the City of  
6 Pittsburgh, now serves more than 100,000 excavators and 3,450  
7 critical infrastructure owners throughout this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, the Pennsylvania One Call System receives  
9 more than 750,000 notification requests and transmits more than  
10 six million notifications, providing protection to utility  
11 companies, their employees and customers; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 month of April 2012 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month"  
14 to encourage all excavators and homeowners of this Commonwealth  
15 to dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before digging in order to "Know  
16 What's Below," avoid injury, protect the environment, and  
17 prevent millions of dollars in damages and to remind excavators  
18 that three business days' notice is the law, for safe digging is  
19 no accident, and that more information may be obtained by  
20 visiting [www.PAOneCall.org](http://www.PAOneCall.org).