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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 302 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, MAY 2, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 2, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2019 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  
10 notification center celebrating more than 47 years of continuous  
11 service to this Commonwealth, is key to preventing injuries and  
12 damage when excavating and demolishing; and

13 WHEREAS, This unique service provides easy, one-call  
14 notification about construction and excavation projects that may  
15 endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines and promotes  
16 workplace and public safety, reduces underground utility damage,  
17 minimizes utility service interruptions and protects the  
18 environment; and

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

5       WHEREAS, Each year, the Pennsylvania One Call System receives  
6 more than 975,000 notification requests and transmits more than  
7 6 million notifications to its members, providing protection to  
8 utility companies, their employees and customers; and

9       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Underground Utility Line Protection  
10 Law, also known as the One Call Act, has been used as a model  
11 for many other states and at least seven foreign countries; and

12       WHEREAS, Dozens of counties and hundreds of municipalities  
13 are following in the footsteps of the Pennsylvania General  
14 Assembly and adopting their own proclamations memorializing  
15 "Safe Digging Month"; therefore be it

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
17 month of April 2019 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month"  
18 to encourage all excavators and homeowners of this Commonwealth  
19 to dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before digging in order to "Know  
20 What's Below," avoid injury, protect the environment and prevent  
21 millions of dollars in damages; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives remind excavators  
23 that three business days' notice before digging is the law  
24 because safe digging is no accident and that more information  
25 may be obtained by visiting [www.pa811.org](http://www.pa811.org).