



City of Ellensburg

PROCLAMATION

National Safe Digging Month

April 2025

Whereas, April marks the start of the spring digging season for homeowners, landscapers, and construction companies; and

Whereas, failure to locate underground utilities before digging may result in unintentionally hitting underground lines or pipes, leading to penalties, repair costs, inconvenient outages, injury, or even death; and

Whereas, Washington's free 811 one-call service notifies the appropriate utility companies of an intent to dig; and

Whereas, the one-call center dispatches professional locators to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines, safely alerting the dig crew of the potential danger below; and

Whereas, all residents and professional excavators are required by law to call 811 at least two business days before they dig;

Now, therefore, be it further resolved that the City Council does hereby proclaim the month of April as **NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH** and expresses its appreciation for safe digging practices and the Washington 811 call before you dig one-call center that contribute to a safer community and limited excavation damages.

Signed this 7th day of April, 2025.

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Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bette Lander", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk