



**WHEREAS,**

Each year the integrity of BC's underground infrastructure is jeopardized by damage during ground disturbance activities by those who fail to **Call Before You Dig**; and

**WHEREAS,**

The consequences of damage to buried facilities can include service disruptions, environmental contamination, property damage, personal injury and even death; and

**WHEREAS,**

The BC Common Ground Alliance and the BC Municipal Safety Association and its members promote the principles of Damage Prevention Best Practices, including the need to **Call Before You Dig**; and

**WHEREAS,**

Ground disturbers, including contractors, municipal workers, homeowners and landowners can save time and money and keep our province safe and connected by following Damage Prevention Best Practices including making that one simple call to BC One-Call; and

**WHEREAS,**

The stakeholders in the buried facility damage prevention process – the digging community, buried facility owners/operators, buried facility locators, regulatory agencies, training organizations and the one-call centre – all agree that the prevention of damage to buried facilities is a shared responsibility.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I do hereby proclaim, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_,  
the month of April 2015 as

**SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

and encourage all ground disturbers to always **Call Before You Dig**.