

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** damage to underground utility facilities such as pipes, mains, cables and conduits can result in dangerous or costly leaks, as well as fires, explosions and fatalities, and this damage and its consequences are often preventable; and

**WHEREAS,** in the past, some excavators have failed to request line locations because of the many utilities involved; and

**WHEREAS,** Dig Safe System, Inc., a not-for-profit company, was established to protect the underground facilities of the public utilities by transmitting notices of digging from excavators to the utilities in order to locate and mark facilities prior to excavation; and

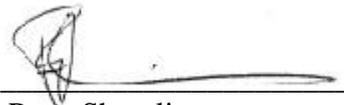
**WHEREAS,** this one-call system is a free service to excavators and homeowners alike, promoting safety, reducing cost, saving time, and helping excavators comply with safety rules and regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

**SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", is written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin  
Governor