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PROC 2026-02 SAFE DIGGING MONTH APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, Thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Georgia is damaged by those who do not have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage and threat to public safety, and;

WHEREAS, In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide contractors and homeowners a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site, and:

WHEREAS, The Paulding County Utility Coordinating Committee, a stakeholder-driven organization dedicated to the prevention of damage to underground utilities in Georgia, promotes the National 811 Notification System in an effort to reduce these damages, and;

WHEREAS, Damage prevention is a shared responsibility; by using safe digging practices, the contractors and homeowners of Paulding can save time, money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, James Kelly, Mayor of the City of Dallas, Georgia, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Dallas and the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim **April 2026, as Safe Digging Month** in the City of Dallas, Georgia; And encourage contractors and homeowners throughout the City of Dallas, Georgia, to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident!!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this Six day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the City of Dallas, in the state of Georgia.

L. James Kelly, Mayor