

# Proclamation

## BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN

**WHEREAS**, engineers, designers, excavators and homeowners work to keep pace with the Commonwealth's unprecedented economic development, by dialing 8-1-1 in advance of excavation to minimize damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution and loss of utility service to Pennsylvania citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, this unique service provides easy, one-call notification about excavation projects which may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions and protecting the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, this vital service, which began with only six utility companies; now serves more than 100,000 excavators and over 3,600 critical infrastructure owners throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, each year Pennsylvania 811 receives more than 1,000,000 notification requests and transmits more than (7) seven million notifications, providing protection to utility companies, their employees, customers and citizens of Middletown Borough.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, James H. Curry, III, Mayor of the Borough of Middletown, County of Dauphin, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does hereby proclaim April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" in Middletown Borough and encourage all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project, including small projects such as planting a tree, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or swimming pool or replacing a driveway, in order to avoid injury, protect the environment, prevent millions of dollars in damages and to remind excavators that three business days' notice is the law for safe digging.

Dated in Middletown, Pennsylvania this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.



JAMES H. CURRY, III, MAYOR