

PROCLAMATION Village of Wheeling

NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH
APRIL 2012

WHEREAS, each year, the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized due to unintentional damage by those who fail to call **8-1-1** to have underground utility lines located prior to digging, potentially resulting in undesired consequences such as service interruption, harm to the environment, personal injury, and even death; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce these damages, the Common Ground Alliance and its 1400 members promote the national call-before-you-dig number, **8-1-1**, which was designated by the Federal Communication Commission in 2005 to provide potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to **8-1-1** in advance of any digging project, by waiting the required amount of time, by respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation, and finally by digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wheeling agrees that safe digging is a shared responsibility: *To Know What's Below, Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2011 as National Safe Digging Month in Wheeling, and encourage excavators and homeowners throughout Wheeling to always call **8-1-1** before digging, because safe digging is no accident!

DATED at the Village of Wheeling this 26th day of March, 2012.



Judy Abruscato, Village President

ATTEST:

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk