

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, Alaska's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage; and

WHEREAS, the phone number 811 was designated as the National call-before-you-dig number in 2005 and is an active, free service throughout Alaska that dispatches utilities to locate lines at the subject property; and

WHEREAS, placing a call to 811 at least two business days before digging, respecting the marked lines, and digging with care greatly reduces the risk of hitting a utility line; and

WHEREAS, April is nationally recognized as safe digging month and serves to promote public awareness about the importance of calling 811 before you dig; and

WHEREAS, the rate at which Alaskans hit utility lines is three times greater than the national average thus local and statewide efforts are necessary to increase awareness of 811, safe digging, preventing damage to underground utility infrastructure, and ensuring public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vern Halter, Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, do hereby proclaim and pronounce April 2018, as

Safe Digging Month

in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and urge all citizens to spread awareness about safe digging practices and always call 811 before you dig.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to be affixed this 7 day of March, 2018.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

