

Office of the Mayor

Crossville, Tennessee

Safe Digging Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, the underground infrastructure of the City of Crossville is jeopardized through unintended damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in undesired consequences, such as service interruption, damage to the environment, and personal injury or even death; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee 811 and its nearly 600 member utilities promote the “Call Before You Dig” number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS, designated by the FCC and implemented in 2007, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their one-call safe dig center to request underground facility line locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money and help keep our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, then waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines by maintaining a visual definition throughout the course of the excavation, and digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS, safe digging is a shared responsibility – “to know what’s below,” Call 811 Before You Dig:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R.J. Crawford, Mayor of the City of Crossville, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as **Safe Digging Month** in the City of Crossville, and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

Mayor

Attest

Date