



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 24

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1 **Relating to:** recognition of the importance of calling 811 prior to excavation and
2 declaring April 2017 as Safe Digging Month.

3 Whereas, each year, the underground utility infrastructure of Wisconsin,
4 including pipelines and electric, gas, telecommunications, water, sewer, and cable
5 television lines, is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to
6 have underground lines located prior to digging; and

7 Whereas, some utility lines are buried only a few inches underground, making
8 the lines easy to strike, even during shallow digging projects; and

9 Whereas, digging prior to locating underground utility lines often results in
10 unintended consequences, such as service interruption, environmental damage,
11 personal injury, and even death; and

12 Whereas, the month of April marks the beginning of the peak period during
13 which excavation projects are carried out across Wisconsin; and

