

# Proclamation

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*Whereas*, more than 50 percent of Atmos Energy's hazardous leaks are caused by excavation damage to its natural gas distribution system. Accidental damage is the greatest risk to underground utilities and even minor damage, such as a scrape, dent, or crease in a pipeline or its coating, can weaken a pipeline and lead to a future leak; and

*Whereas*, Atmos Energy and the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) urge contractors, landscapers, homeowners and the public to call 811 before any digging starts, as required by law; 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 811 in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and finally, digging with care around the marks; and

*Whereas*, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility. To know what's below, call 811 before you dig;

*Now, Therefore*, I, Rick Wilson, Mayor of the City of Forney, do hereby recognize the month of **April**, as *National Safe Digging Month* in the City of Forney.

*In Witness Whereof*, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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*Rick Wilson, Mayor*