



August 27, 2015

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
ATTN: NICOLE PRIESTER  
1205 PENDLETON ST  
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Dear Ms. Priester:

On behalf of all underground utility damage prevention stakeholders, I would like to thank Gov. Haley for proclaiming April as South Carolina Safe Digging Month every year she has been in office. Her support goes a long way in helping us educate all South Carolina residents about the importance of calling 811 before every dig.

I am writing today to respectfully ask that Gov. Haley consider partnering with South Carolina damage prevention stakeholders for an event in April 2016 held at either the Governor's Mansion or State House where we could join you in conducting a demonstration by marking the underground utilities on that property with flags or paint, just as it's done throughout the state for more than 600,000 locates per year in the state.

We hope this symbolic location will attract media coverage and show South Carolina residents how many utilities are buried below ground on just one high-profile property.

It would also serve as an excellent opportunity to educate South Carolina residents on what the various colors signify and how a phone call to 811 a few days before digging is the best way to protect themselves and their communities from potential dangers and inconvenient outages.

Thank you again for your support, and we hope we are able to work together to further promote safe digging.

Regards,

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