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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO RECOGNIZE "PENNSYLVANIA SAFE DIGGING MONTH AND TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THE 8-1-1 ONE CALL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, engineers, designers, excavators and homeowners work to keep pace with the Commonwealth's economic development, by dialing 8-1-1 in advance of excavation to minimize damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution and loss of utility service to East Lampeter citizens; and

WHEREAS, this unique service provides easy, one-call notification about excavation projects which may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions and protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, this vital service, which began with only six utility companies; now serves more than 100,000 excavators and over 3,600 critical infrastructure owners throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, each year Pennsylvania 811 receives more than 900,000 notification request and transmits more than six million notifications, providing protection to utility companies, their employees, customers and citizens including those of East Lampeter Township; and

WHEREAS, the East Lampeter Township Public Works Department responds to more than notifications and marks Township and Authority facilities for each notification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors recognize the month of April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" and encourages all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project, including small projects such as tree planting, installing a mail box post, building a deck or swimming pool or replacing a driveway, in order to avoid injury, protect the environment, prevent damages and to remind excavators that three business days' notice is the law for safe digging.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST LAMPETER

By: _______

Ralph M. Hutchison, Secretary