



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, damage to underground utility facilities such as pipes, mains, cables and conduits can result in dangerous and costly leaks, as well as fires, explosions or even fatalities that are often preventable; and

*W*HEREAS, created by state statute, Call Before You Dig (CBYD) is a non-profit clearinghouse comprised of owners and operators of underground utility facilities in Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, CBYD guards against the accidental digging up of buried facilities whenever excavation – whether by digging, blasting or demolishing – is undertaken in order to protect the public, decrease utility service disruptions, and reduce the high cost of damage repairs; and

*W*HEREAS, the law requires individuals, contractors, utilities and public agencies planning to excavate with mechanized equipment to notify CBYD at least two full working days before digging; and

*W*HEREAS, without any charge to the excavator, CBYD notifies all owners and operators of buried utilities so that all lines, cables, pipes and conduits can be located and marked according to a standard color code; and

*W*HEREAS, CBYD has a proven record of reducing damage to underground facilities, protecting property, and providing for the safety and welfare of both excavators and the general public; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut – to encourage all our citizens both to become familiar with CBYD and to notify CBYD by calling 811, or by visiting www.CBYD.com before excavating anywhere in the state – do hereby officially proclaim the month of April 2026, to be

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in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR