

WHEREAS,

Thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Georgia is damaged by those who do not have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage and threat to public safety, and;

WHEREAS,

In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide contractors and homeowners a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site, and;

WHEREAS,

The Newton County Utility Coordinating Committee, a stakeholder-driven organization dedicated to the prevention of damage to underground utilities in Georgia, promotes the National 811 Notification System in an effort to reduce these damages, and;

WHEREAS,

Damage prevention is a shared responsibility; by using safe digging practices, the contractors and homeowners of Covington can save time, money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected, and;

THEREFORE,

I do hereby proclaim, on behalf of the City of Covington, the day of August 11, 2020, as;

City of Covington 811 DAY

And encourage contractors and homeowners throughout Covington to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident!!

Steve Hanson

August 4, 2020 Date

