

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 115

Introduced by Assembly Member Emmerson

February 4, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 115—Relative to California Safe Digging Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 115, as introduced, Emmerson. California Safe Digging Month. This measure would proclaim the month of April 2010 as California Safe Digging Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Through education about safe digging practices,
2 excavators and homeowners can save time and money and keep
3 our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to a three
4 digit telephone number, 811, in advance of any digging project;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, Calling 811 to be connected to a One Call Center
7 prior to digging, respecting the marked lines that demarcate
8 underground utilities by maintaining visual definition throughout
9 the course of the excavation, and digging with care around the
10 marked lines will help keep Californians safe and prevent damage
11 and destruction; and
12 WHEREAS, California continues to grow along with the
13 important underground utility infrastructure that the state depends
14 upon; and

1 WHEREAS, The 811 “Call Before You Dig” program is a vital
2 public education and awareness program dealing with the safety
3 of subsurface excavation; and

4 WHEREAS, Every year California’s underground utility
5 infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by
6 those who fail to call 811 to have underground utility lines located
7 and marked prior to digging; and

8 WHEREAS, Undesired consequences, such as service
9 interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even
10 death, are the potential results of failing to call 811 prior to digging
11 and having the utility lines safely marked; and

12 WHEREAS, In California, there are two One Call Centers to
13 call and request the marking of utility line locations prior to
14 digging: the Underground Service Alert of Southern California
15 (USA/SC) and the Underground Service Alert of Northern
16 California and Nevada (USA North); and

17 WHEREAS, In cooperation with its membership, California’s
18 public and private utilities, USA/SC, and USA North provide a
19 free and effective damage prevention service that protects
20 California’s citizens, communities, public services, environment,
21 and underground facilities; and

22 WHEREAS, The services provided by the One Call Centers are
23 at no cost to the caller; and

24 WHEREAS, Both California One Call Centers are associated
25 with the California Regional Common Ground Alliance, which is
26 both a regional partner of the Common Ground Alliance and a
27 member-driven association dedicated to ensuring public safety,
28 environmental protection, and the integrity of services by
29 promoting effective damage prevention practices; and

30 WHEREAS, The free notification service provided by USA/SC
31 and USA North has resulted in a dramatic reduction in the number
32 of accidents causing personal injury and the interruption of vital
33 services; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the month of*
36 *April 2010 as California Safe Digging Month; and be it further*

37 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
38 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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