

**RESOLUTION 2015-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA  
IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the 811 “Call Before You Dig” program is a vital public education and awareness program that will help keep Californians safe, and education is the key to promoting safe digging practices; and

**WHEREAS**, excavators, homeowners, and professional contractors can save time and money while making California’s communities a safer place to live and work by dialing 811 in advance of all digging projects; and

**WHEREAS**, utility lines are often buried only a few inches underground, making them easy to strike and cause damage and harm even during shallow excavation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 170,000 underground utility lines are struck each year in the United States and approximately 33 percent of all digging damages in the United States result from not calling 811 before digging; and

**WHEREAS**, undesired consequences, such as service interruption, outages, damage to public and private infrastructure and property, damage to the environment, personal injury, and death, are risked by failing to call 811 before digging or safely marking utility lines; and

**WHEREAS**, as California’s economy continues to recover from the recession and the state’s economic recovery stimulates new construction, new construction requires supporting infrastructure, and California’s underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to call before digging; and

**WHEREAS**, the free notification service provided by Underground Service Alert of Northern California and Nevada has dramatically reduced the number of accidents causing property damage, personal injury, and interruption of vital services;

**WHEREAS**, California public agencies should enforce California Government Code 4216 regarding safe excavation practices, permitting and civil penalties;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of San Juan Bautista proclaims April 2015 as California Safe Digging Month and encourages all excavators, homeowners, and professional contractors to call 811 in advance of all digging projects.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2015 by the following vote:

**AYES:**            **Boch, Edge, Martorana, West, Lund**

**NOES:**            **None**

**ABSENT:**        **None**

**ABSTAIN:**       **None**

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**Mayor Robert Lund**

**ATTEST:**

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**Connie Schobert, City Clerk**