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Proclamation

Event: Dig Safe Month

Date: April 1-30, 2025

“Whereas annual damages to Ontario’s underground infrastructure caused by excavation events number in excess of 4,500 per year; and

Whereas these events cause negative impacts to the Ontario public and our province’s economy; and

Whereas the Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA), formed in 2003, whose purpose is to enhance public safety and utility infrastructure reliability through a unified approach to effective and efficient damage prevention, consists of some 500 members dedicated to this purpose, including Ontario1Call; and

Whereas the Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) and the ORCGA have worked collaboratively to produce the ‘Underground Infrastructure Damage Prevention – Best Practices’ handbook to assist in reducing infrastructure damage associated with excavations; and

Whereas the ORCGA annually promotes many educational events across its thirteen (13) Geographic Councils which cover all of Ontario, including the Dig Safe Kick-Offs in April and ‘April is Dig Safe Month’, to raise awareness of the importance of proper excavation practices;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County Council do hereby proclaim April 1-30, 2025 to be ‘Dig Safe Month’ in Northumberland County.”

Dated this 19th day of March, 2025

Brian Ostrander, Warden