
State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, trenching and excavation work are hazardous construction operations performed by many Iowans every day; and

WHEREAS, construction employers and employees who work in trenching and excavation need continuous access to education and training in identifying hazards associated with these activities; and

WHEREAS, trench collapse deaths are easily preventable with proper shielding, shoring, sloping, and training; and

WHEREAS, despite increased training and hazard identification, recent national statistics on trench injuries and deaths show an alarming increase, and in 2016, the United States Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reported that trench injuries and deaths were nearly double the average of the previous five years; and

WHEREAS, the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), an Iowa-based National Construction Trade Association representing underground utility and excavating contractors, have created an annual week to focus on education and training in trenching and excavating hazard awareness known as the "Trench Safety Stand Down" that is approved by OSHA and sponsored by the North American Excavation and Shoring Association:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17-21, 2019 as

TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN WEEK

in Iowa and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

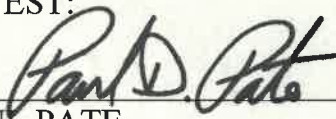


**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS
10th DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.**



KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE