

## CITY OF GAUTIER PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, each year, Mississippi's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call to have underground lines located prior to digging. Undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death are the potential results; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi 811, Inc., promotes the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages. Designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local one-call center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

**WHEREAS**, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our City safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and finally, digging with care around the marks; and

**WHEREAS**, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility. To know what's below, call 811 two working days before you dig.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Mayor Tommy Fortenberry of the City of Gautier, Mississippi do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

### **SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

in the City of Gautier, Mississippi and encourage excavators and homeowners throughout the City to always call 811 before digging. Safe Digging is No Accident.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Gautier, Mississippi to be affixed.

Done in Gautier, Mississippi on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

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**Tommy Fortenberry**  
**Mayor of Gautier, Mississippi**