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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 595

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Designating August 11, in 2019 and in each succeeding year, as 811 Day in Virginia.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Federal Communications Commission mandated 811 as the universal number for contractors and homeowners to contact their local one-call notification center to have underground utility lines located and marked at an intended digging site; and

WHEREAS, Virginia 811 and industry stakeholders promote the "Call/Contact Before You Dig" 811 number in an effort to reduce damages and protect the infrastructure of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, underground utility lines are placed at risk of damage every time someone digs in close proximity; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Commonwealth's vital infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to contact Virginia 811 prior to digging or demolishing; and

WHEREAS, the potential consequences of failing to contact 811 include service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate August 11, in 2019 and in each succeeding year, as 811 Day in Virginia; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to Rick Pevarski, president and chief executive officer of Virginia 811, so that the Virginia 811 board of directors, utility members, staff, and industry stakeholders may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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