

Introduced by Council Member Freeman:

RESOLUTION 2026-614

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 11, 2026, AS
"SUNSHINE 811 DAY" IN JACKSONVILLE, ENCOURAGING
ALL RESIDENTS, CONTRACTORS, EXCAVATORS,
LANDSCAPERS, AND PROPERTY OWNERS TO CONTACT
SUNSHINE 811 PRIOR TO ANY DIGGING OR EXCAVATION
ACTIVITY, AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF
PROTECTING UNDERGROUND UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE,
PUBLIC SAFETY, AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES; PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, underground utility infrastructure, including natural
gas pipelines, and other critical facilities, serves as the backbone
of modern life and supports the health, safety, and economic
prosperity of the residents of Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, damage to underground utility facilities during
excavation activities can result in service interruptions, costly
repairs, environmental impacts, property damage, serious injuries,
and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine 811 serves as Florida's statewide one-call
notification system and facilitates communication between excavators
and utility operators to help identify and mark underground facilities
for free before digging begins; and

WHEREAS, Florida law requires excavators to notify Sunshine 811
at least two business days prior to commencing excavation activities
in order to reduce the risk of damage to underground infrastructure
and promote public safety; and

WHEREAS, every digging project, regardless of size, including

1 installing mailboxes, planting trees, constructing fences,
2 landscaping, irrigation installation, and other excavation
3 activities, has the potential to impact underground utility
4 facilities; and

5 **WHEREAS**, increasing public awareness of the "Call Before You
6 Dig" message helps protect residents, businesses, utility customers,
7 utility workers, and the public from preventable accidents and
8 disruptions; and

9 **WHEREAS**, August 11, represented numerically as "8/11," provides
10 an ideal opportunity to promote awareness of Sunshine 811 and
11 reinforce the importance of contacting Sunshine 811 at least two
12 business days before any digging or excavation activity; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council recognizes the critical
14 role that Sunshine 811, utility operators, contractors,
15 municipalities, and community partners play in protecting underground
16 infrastructure and ensuring the continued delivery of essential
17 services; now therefore

18 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

19 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes August 11,
20 2026, as "Sunshine 811 Day" in the City of Jacksonville. The City
21 Council encourages all residents, businesses, contractors,
22 excavators, landscapers, and property owners to contact Sunshine 811
23 prior to beginning any digging or excavation project and to follow
24 all applicable safe digging practices. The City Council reaffirms its
25 commitment to promoting public safety, protecting critical
26 underground infrastructure, preventing utility damage, and ensuring
27 the reliable delivery of essential services throughout the City of
28 Jacksonville.

29 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 without the Mayor's signature.

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Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon MacGillis

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