

Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama
Proclamation

WHEREAS, underground utility infrastructure, including electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, telecommunications, and fiber optic lines, plays a vital role in serving the residents, businesses, and visitors of Foley, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, damage to underground utilities caused by digging can result in service interruptions, costly repairs, environmental impacts, property damage, serious injuries, and even loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's 811 notification system provides a free service that allows homeowners, contractors, landscapers, farmers, and excavators to have underground utility lines marked before beginning any digging project; and

WHEREAS, contacting 811 at least two full working days before digging helps protect critical infrastructure, improves public safety, and reduces preventable damage to underground facilities; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County continues to experience significant growth and development, making the protection of underground infrastructure more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of 811 Day on August 11 serves as a reminder that every digging project — large or small — should begin with a call or click to 811; and

WHEREAS, the "Glowing Green for 811 Week" initiative encourages residents, businesses, public officials, utility workers, and community organizations to wear green and illuminate buildings, landmarks, and public spaces in green to raise awareness of safe digging practices throughout Baldwin County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich** and on behalf of the Foley City Council, do hereby proclaim **August 10-14, 2026** as **Glowing Green for 811 Week** and encourage all residents to wear green, share the message with family and neighbors, and always contact 811 before starting any digging project to help protect our community's vital underground infrastructure.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand on this **3rd Day of August, 2026**

Attest: _____