

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 Americans are killed in distracted driving crashes each year, and the economic toll of all motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. annually exceeds \$480 billion; and

WHEREAS, spring is a time when people begin to log more miles on the road, and it is imperative to focus attention on motor vehicle injury risks and prevention; and

WHEREAS, talking on a cell phone, even in hands-free mode, texting or programming your dashboard system or GPS device can divert your attention away from driving and result in visual, manual or cognitive distraction; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a statewide strategy to reduce motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads through state agencies, public and private sector partners; and

WHEREAS, education efforts with Vision Zero, the North Dakota Safety Council and the National Safety Council encourage North Dakota schools, businesses and organizations to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving to reduce the accidents on our roads; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to take personal responsibility behind the wheel and always drive distraction-free to reach the goal of zero fatalities, because when it comes to your life, or the lives of your family and friends, zero fatalities is the only acceptable number.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
April 2026, DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE