



— State of —  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE DAY**  
MAY 31, 2017

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation is supporting the advancement of automated vehicle technology through the national solicitation of proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central North American Trade Corridor Association is seeking to submit a proposal creating a freight-focused autonomous vehicle corridor on U.S. Highway 83 between Bismarck and Minot as a testing ground for autonomous vehicle use; and

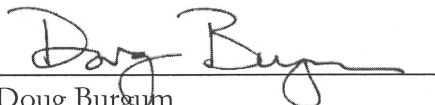
**WHEREAS**, North Dakota is a leader in innovation and technology, with an environment conducive to research and development in emerging industries such as autonomous vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2016 IHS Automotive forecast predicts that 76 million vehicles with some level of autonomy will be sold globally between now and 2035; and


**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Legislature, as stated in House Bill 1202, requires the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) to study the use of vehicles equipped with automated driving systems in collaboration and consultation with the autonomous vehicle technology industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the NDDOT will gather the data resulting from such studies, as well as review current laws addressing licensing, registration, insurance, data ownership and use, and inspection requirements for autonomous vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 31, 2017, **AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State