



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2018

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is 100 percent preventable. Distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on any other activity instead; and

WHEREAS, engaging in activities such as talking on a phone, texting, checking social media or email, selecting music, programming GPS devices or other uses of portable or in-dash devices while driving increases the risk of getting into a crash by three times; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that at any given daylight moment approximately 660,000 people across America are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving includes non-technology offenses, such as eating, grooming or excessive visiting with passengers; and

WHEREAS, the improved health and well-being of North Dakota's citizens are a direct result of increased awareness about the dangers of distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the number of crashes as well as improve driver safety, North Dakota's motorists should commit to adopting and maintaining safe behavior while behind the wheel; and

WHEREAS, a month dedicated to programs and activities focused on reducing distracted driving will greatly raise awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2018, **DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State