

DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, distracted driving is one of the fastest growing safety issues on the roads today; and

WHEREAS, distracted drivers aren't just a threat to themselves, they are a danger to everyone on the road, making distraction a contributing factor in most motor vehicle crashes and near-crashes; and

WHEREAS, nationally, distracted driving causes more than a million crashes, costing the lives of thousands of motorists every year; 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, such as Buckle Up Phone Down, or with partners such as the North Dakota Safety Council, encourage North Dakota schools, businesses and organizations to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving to reduce the prevalence 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 2024, DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE