

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2021

WHEREAS, vehicle crashes are the No. 1 cause of preventable death in North Dakota; and distracted driving is one of the fastest-growing safety issues on the roads today; and

WHEREAS, distracted drivers are not only 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 1 million crashes every year, costing the lives of thousands of motorists annually; and

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

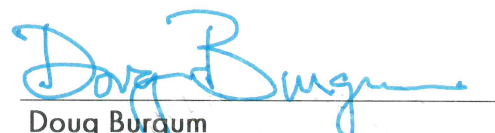
WHEREAS, education efforts with Vision Zero partners such as the North Dakota Safety Council and others bring awareness to North Dakota drivers about the dangers of distracted driving in order to reduce the prevalence on our roads; and

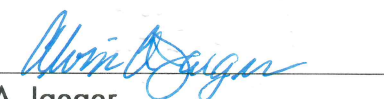
WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to take personal responsibility behind the wheel and always drive distraction-free in order to reach the goal of zero fatalities, because when it comes to your life, or the lives of your family and friends, zero fatalities is the only acceptable number; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero aims for zero fatalities because every life matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 2021, **DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE