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**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH**  
APRIL 2019

**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 annually, claiming 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 lead agencies, including the North Dakota Department of Transportation, the North Dakota Highway Patrol and the North Dakota Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, education efforts with Vision Zero Partners like AAA, The Auto Club Group and the North Dakota Safety Council, among others, bring awareness to North Dakota drivers about the dangers of distracted driving; 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 is the only acceptable number of fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero aims for zero fatalities because even one fatality is too many.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2019, **DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State