



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
GIVING HEARTS DAY
FEBRUARY 8, 2018

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation as the first 24-hour regional giving event of its kind with Alex Stern Family Foundation joining them as a co-host in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day is a gateway for North Dakota citizens and beyond to connect to charitable organizations doing important work improving health and quality of life across our state; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Medical Foundation, Impact Foundation, and Alex Stern Family Foundation jointly support the Impact Institute to dramatically improve “friendraising” efforts of nonprofit organizations by equipping them with data-driven resources, training and coaching; and

WHEREAS, last year, 21,816 caring donors gave 51,000 gifts to 360 charities totaling \$10.7 million – and since inception, Giving Hearts Day has raised over \$41 million to support regional charities; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day 2018 includes over 400 nonprofit organizations and spans the entire state of North Dakota and northwest Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, over \$1 million has been committed by the co-hosts, businesses, and other generous community members to be used for matches, awards, incentives and scholarships benefitting participating Giving Hearts Day charities; and

WHEREAS, our Giving Hearts Day 2018 goal is to inspire at least 50,000 giving hearts to support charity on Giving Hearts Day – together we are the most generous region on the planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 8, 2018, **GIVING HEARTS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.


Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State


Deputy