



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
GIVING HEARTS DAY
FEBRUARY 9, 2017

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by the Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation as the first one-day 'virtual' fundraising event of its kind in the region; and

WHEREAS, this 24-hour online fundraising event in North Dakota and western Minnesota is dedicated to inspiring online donations for charities at impactgiveback.org; and

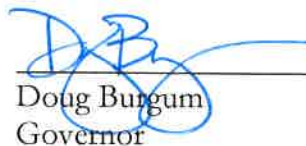
WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day raised \$325,000 for local charities in its first year and donations topped \$1 million in 2011; and

WHEREAS, last year, \$8.3 million was raised from 14,538 donors, directly benefitting 326 charities – and since its start, more than \$30.9 million has been raised; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation developed impactgiveback.org to create a powerful regional, user-friendly site for donors to find and connect with charities, and for nonprofits to receive donations and recruit volunteers; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to support Giving Hearts Day and to take action by volunteering or making financial donations to local charities that improve the quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 9, 2017, **GIVING HEARTS DAY** in the state of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State