

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### GIVING HEARTS DAY

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

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

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

WHEREAS, last year, more than 40,000 caring donors gave more than 86,000 gifts to more than 600 charities totaling \$31.6 million, and since inception, Giving Hearts Day has raised more than \$226 million to support regional charities; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day 2026 includes more than 640 nonprofit organizations and spans the entire state of North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day has set a bold goal to build the most generous region in the nation by 2028, supporting North Dakota in becoming the No. 1 state for volunteerism and donated goods and making Giving Hearts Day the No. 1 giving day in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
February 12, 2026, GIVING HEARTS DAY in the State of North Dakota.



Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR



ATTEST:  
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE