## STATE OF **NORTH DAKOTA**

## GIVING HEARTS DAY FEBRUARY 13, 2020

 $\equiv$  PROCLAMATION

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, more than 30,600 caring donors gave nearly 68,000 gifts to nearly 450 charities totaling \$16.3 million – and since inception, Giving Hearts Day has raised over \$71 million to support regional charities; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day 2020 includes nearly 500 nonprofit organizations and spans the entire state of North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, more than \$7 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, the goal of Giving Hearts Day 2020 is to inspire at least 53,000 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 13, 2020, GIVING HEARTS DAY in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE