NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

GIVING HEARTS DAY

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

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, nearly 35,000 caring donors gave more than 75,000 gifts to nearly 500 charities totaling \$19.2 million – and since inception, Giving Hearts Day has raised \$90 million to support regional charities; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day 2021 includes nearly 500 nonprofit organizations and spans the entire state of North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, more than \$5 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, Giving Hearts Day has set a bold goal to build the most generous region in the nation by 2025, through becoming the No. 1 state for volunteerism and the No. 1 giving day in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 11, 2021, GIVING HEARTS DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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