NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ==

GIVING HEARTS DAY

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

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 High 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 42,000 caring donors gave more than 89,000 gifts to nearly 500 charities totaling \$22 million – and since inception, Giving Hearts Day has raised more than \$112 million to support regional charities; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day 2022 includes nearly 550 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, supporting North Dakota in becoming the No.1 state for volunteerism and the No.1 state for 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 10, 2022, GIVING HEARTS DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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