

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3023
(Representatives Carlson, Hogan, Mock, Porter, Vigesaa)
(Senators Heckaman, Wardner)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution declaring February 9, 2017, as "Giving Hearts Day".

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, in 2014 the Alex Stern Family Foundation joined Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation as a cohost; and

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

WHEREAS, the Dakota Medical Foundation, Impact Foundation, and the Alex Stern Family Foundation jointly support givingheartsday.org to create a powerful regional, user-friendly website for donors to find and connect with charities, and for nonprofits to receive donations and recruit volunteers; and

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

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day 2017 includes over 360 nonprofit organizations and spans the entire state of North Dakota and western Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, up to \$50,000 in new donor incentives will be awarded by Dakota Medical Foundation to randomly selected participating charities throughout the day including two \$10,000 "boost" awards to charities announced at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on February 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to support Giving Hearts Day and to invite a friend to match their commitment to make financial donations to local charities that improve quality of life across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly declares February 9, 2017, as "Giving Hearts Day"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the Dakota Medical Foundation, the Impact Foundation, and the Alex Stern Family Foundation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

