

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4008
(Senators Wardner, Heckaman)
(Representatives Boschee, Pollert)

A concurrent resolution declaring February 11, 2021, as Giving Hearts Day in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation as the first one-day virtual fundraising event of its kind in the region; and

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

WHEREAS, this 24-hour fundraising event in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota is dedicated to inspiring donations for charities at givingheartsday.org; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Medical Foundation, Impact Foundation, and Alex Stern Family Foundation jointly lead 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 secure needed goods; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, \$19.2 million was raised from more than 35,000 caring donors, directly benefiting nearly 500 charitable causes, and since its start, nearly \$90 million has been raised; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day 2021 includes nearly 500 charitable causes and spans the entire state of North Dakota and northwest Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, more than \$5 million has been committed by the cohosts, businesses, and other generous community members to be used for matches, awards, incentives, and scholarships benefiting participating Giving Hearts Day charities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to experience the joy of giving and volunteering as well as igniting others to help great causes positively impact our communities;

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

That the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly declares February 11, 2021, as Giving Hearts Day in North Dakota; and

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House