

Introduced by

Representatives Vigesaa, Boschee, Lefor

Senators Bekkedahl, Hogan, Hogue

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution declaring February 9, 2023, as "Giving Hearts Day."

2 **WHEREAS**, Giving Hearts Day was started in 2008 by the Dakota Medical Foundation and
3 Impact Foundation as the first 24-hour regional giving event of its kind with the Alex Stern
4 Family Foundation joining as a cohost in 2014; and

5 **WHEREAS**, givingheartsday.org is a gateway for North Dakota citizens and beyond to
6 support hundreds of charitable organizations doing important work improving health and quality
7 of life across our state; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Dakota Medical, Impact, and Alex Stern Family Foundations jointly support
9 the training and coaching of nonprofit organizations to dramatically improve and expand their
10 impact in their communities; and

11 **WHEREAS**, since inception, Giving Hearts Day has raised more than \$138 million to
12 support regional charities, and last year, 550 charities received \$26.6 million through 41,000
13 caring donors who gave 90,000 gifts and made 805 volunteer pledges; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Giving Hearts Day 2023 includes nearly 570 charitable causes, and offers
15 more than \$250,000 in awards and incentives, and spans the entire state of North Dakota and
16 northwestern Minnesota; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Giving Hearts Day has set a bold goal to build the most generous region in the
18 nation by 2025, supporting North Dakota in becoming the number one state for volunteerism
19 and number one state for donated goods, and making Giving Hearts Day the number one giving
20 day in the nation;

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

23 That the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly declares February 9, 2023, as "Giving Hearts
24 Day"; and

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