

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Hogan, Mock, Porter, Vigesaa

Senators Heckaman, Wardner

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution declaring February 9, 2017, 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 one-day "virtual" fundraising event of its kind in the region; and

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

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

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

12 **WHEREAS**, last year, \$8.3 million was raised from 14,538 donors, directly benefiting
13 326 charities, and since its start, over \$30.9 million has been raised; and

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

16 **WHEREAS**, up to \$50,000 in new donor incentives will be awarded by Dakota Medical
17 Foundation to randomly selected participating charities throughout the day including two
18 \$10,000 "boost" awards to charities announced at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on February 9,
19 2017; and

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

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

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly

- 1 That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly declares February 9, 2017, as "Giving Hearts Day";
2 and
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution
4 to the Dakota Medical Foundation, the Impact Foundation, and the Alex Stern Family
5 Foundation.