

Introduced by

Representatives Porter, Boe, J. Nelson, Pollert, Toman

Senators Cook, Wardner

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution declaring February 14, 2019, as Giving Hearts Day in North Dakota.

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

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

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

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

12 **WHEREAS**, last year, \$13.2 million was raised from more than 28,000 donors, directly
13 benefiting 400 charitable causes, and since its start, nearly \$55 million has been raised; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Giving Hearts Day 2019 includes more than 450 charitable causes and spans
15 the entire state of North Dakota and northwest Minnesota; and

16 **WHEREAS**, more than \$4 million has been committed by the cohosts, businesses, and
17 other generous community members to be used for matches, awards, incentives, and
18 scholarships benefiting participating Giving Hearts Day charities; and

19 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to experience the joy of giving and ignite
20 others to help great causes positively impact our communities;

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

23 That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly declares February 14, 2019, as Giving Hearts Day
24 in North Dakota; and

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