PROCLAMATION

Giving Hearts Day Proclamation

Dickinson, North Dakota
IN OBSERVANCE OF GIVING HEARTS DAY IN DICKINSON, ND.

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

Whereas, the goals of Giving Hearts Day are to raise awareness of the charitable nonprofit sector and its organizations in North Dakota and western Minnesota, to assist the organizations in better telling their mission stories, to promote online giving, and to provide donors the opportunity to multiply the results of their giving; and

Whereas, this 24-hour online fundraising event is dedicated to inspiring online donations for charities at givingheartsday.org; and

Whereas, Giving Hearts Day is powerful because it inspires so many to give for the first time or to contribute to newly-discovered charities; and

Whereas, the charitable nonprofit sector provides much needed services that improve the quality of life for so many in our community; and

Whereas, the charitable nonprofit sector supports individuals and families with quality programs, materials and funds that promote and encourage self-sufficiency; and

Whereas, all of the above listed benefits serve to strengthen the fiber of our community and make it richer for all residents; and

Whereas, in order to provide these benefits, charities who provide these services need ongoing funds in order to provide long term sustainable services for our residents in need; and

Whereas, these charities have demonstrated a need for collaboration and resources, and have joined together for this one day online fundraiser;

Now, Therefore, I, Scott Decker, President of Dickinson, ND, do hereby declare February 8, 2024 GIVING HEARTS DAY IN DICKINSON, ND.

and call upon public officials, business and community leaders, and educators, and encourage all Dickinson citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs in order to:

- 1. Recognize the charitable nonprofit sector, and their staff and volunteers, who provide essential services that improve the quality of life for our citizens,
- 2. Acknowledge that the charitable nonprofit sector is beneficial in Dickinson and southwest North Dakota, because it improves life outcomes and strengthens our communities,
- 3. Promote the support of the charitable nonprofit sector that equips our citizens with the tools needed to lead safe, healthy and productive lives, and
- 4. Support Giving Hearts Day and take action by volunteering or making financial donations to local charities in Dickinson and southwest North Dakota at givingheartsday.org.



City Commission President
Attest: City Administrator
Date: