## NORTH DAKOTA



## HEART VALVE DISEASE AWARENESS DAY FEBRUARY 22, 2025

WHEREAS, heart valve disease is a serious and life-threatening condition that occurs when one or more heart valves do not function properly, disrupting normal blood flow and potentially leading to severe complications; and

WHEREAS, more than 5 million Americans are diagnosed with heart valve disease each year, and countless others remain undiagnosed due to limited awareness of its symptoms and risk factors; and

WHEREAS, early detection, timely treatment and improved access to care can significantly enhance the quality of life and survival rates for those living with heart valve disease; and

WHEREAS, Rock the Heart, in partnership with Sanford Health, is committed to raising awareness, providing education, and supporting patients and families affected by aortic and heart valve disease in North Dakota and beyond; and

WHEREAS, February is recognized as Heart Month, a time to focus on cardiovascular health, and February 22 has been designated as Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day to encourage individuals to understand their family medical history and seek regular heart health screenings.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 22, 2025, HEART VAVLE DISEASE AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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