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IN THE SUPREME COURT

OF THE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Shirley A. Johnson Lepp
Clerk

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The People of the State of
South Dakota in the Interest of
T.O.,
Minor Child(ren),
and concerning
J.C.,
Respondent.

ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF
JUDGMENT OF AFFIRMANCE

#31163

The Court considered all of the briefs filed in the above-entitled matter, together with the appeal record, and concluded pursuant to SDCL 15-26A-87.1(A), that it is manifest on the face of the briefs and the record that the appeal is without merit on the following grounds: 1. that the issues on appeal are clearly controlled by settled South Dakota law or federal law binding upon the states, 2. that the issues on appeal are factual and there clearly is sufficient evidence to support the findings of facts and conclusions of law and 3. that the issues on appeal are ones of judicial discretion and there clearly was not an abuse of discretion (SDCL 15-26A-87.1(A) (1), (2) and (3)), now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that a judgment affirming the Judgment of the circuit court be entered forthwith.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of February, 2026.

BY THE COURT:

ATTEST

[Signature]
Clerk of the Supreme Court
(SEAL)

[Signature]
Steven R. Jensen, Chief Justice

PARTICIPATING: Chief Justice Steven R. Jensen and Justices Mark E. Salter, Patricia J. DeVaney, Scott P. Myren and Robert Gusinsky.