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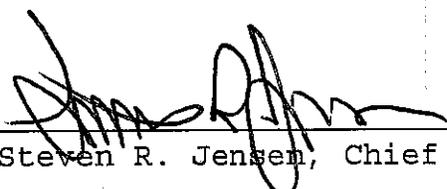
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Clerk

JOSHUA ROSS,)
Plaintiff,) ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF
vs.) JUDGMENT OF AFFIRMANCE
HANNAH COLE,) #31173
Defendant and Appellant.)
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The Court considered all of the briefs filed in the above-entitled matters, 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 court findings 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 Order of the circuit court be entered forthwith.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of February, 2026.

BY THE COURT:

Steven R. Jensen, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Supreme Court
(SEAL)

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