

**Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce – Overview of Updating Gender References for Certain Officeholders and Persons**

Background

A constitutional amendment that aims to change how an office holder is referenced in the constitution will appear before South Dakota citizens on the 2024 General Election Ballot for consideration. The measure seeks to replace instances of “he, his, and him” with the title of the office described. The Attorney General’s Statement describes the measure as follows:

*“For example, when referencing the Governor, instead of saying “he shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the state,” the text will be changed to read “the Governor shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the state.”*

This amendment makes similar changes for all other officeholders including Lieutenant Governor, Supreme Court Justices, and Circuit Court Judges.

Greater Sioux Falls Chamber’s Policy Statement:

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce Policy Statement outlines our efforts to include leaders across business and government.

*“We work with our community members and partners, businesses, state agencies, and elected officials to develop efforts to engage and include all populations in our city and state.”*

Summary:

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce is committed to working with leaders across both business and government. We believe the constitution should accurately reflect each officeholder, including our current female governor, justices, judges, and constitutional officers. The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, in alignment with our Policy Statement, supports Constitutional Amendment E.