## 103 Equal Employment Opportunity

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We provide employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, citizenship, national origin, age, disability, military service, veteran status, genetic information, union membership, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, status with regards to public assistance, participation in lawful activity off the employer's premises during non-working hours (which is not in direct conflict with the essential business-related interests of the County) or any other characteristic protected by law. In order to provide equal employment and advancement opportunities to all individuals, employment decisions are based on merit, qualifications, and abilities. However, we may provide hiring preference to veterans and disabled veterans, pursuant to N.D.C.C. §37-19.1.

We will not request or require a genetic test or collect or use any protected genetic information from any employee or applicant in connection with employment-related decisions.

This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including recruiting, hiring, compensation, selection, job assignment, promotion, discipline, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, access to benefits, leaves of absences, and training. If you have a question or concern about any type of discrimination in the workplace, you are encouraged to bring these issues to the attention of your immediate supervisor or the Human Resources Department. You can raise concerns and make reports without fear of reprisal. Anyone found to be engaging in any type of unlawful discrimination will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.