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AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GREAT WESTERN, HF FINANCIAL CORP. AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. The Registration Statement, including the proxy statement/prospectus, and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Great Western and HF Financial Corp. with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Documents filed by Great Western with the SEC, including the Registration Statement, may also be obtained free of charge from Great Western's website ([www.greatwesternbank.com](http://www.greatwesternbank.com)) under the "Investor Relations" heading and the "SEC Filings" sub-heading, or by directing a request to Great Western's Investor Relations contact, David Hinderaker at [David.Hinderaker@greatwesternbank.com](mailto:David.Hinderaker@greatwesternbank.com). Documents filed by HF Financial Corp. with the SEC may also be obtained free of charge from HF Financial Corp's website ([www.homefederal.com](http://www.homefederal.com)) under the "Investor Relations" heading and the "SEC Filings" sub-heading, or by directing a request to HF Financial Corp's Investor Relations contact, Pamela F. Russo at [prusso@homefederal.com](mailto:prusso@homefederal.com). Participants in the Solicitation Great Western, HF Financial Corp., and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of HF Financial Corp., in connection with the proposed merger transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of Great Western is available in Great Western's definitive proxy statement for its 2015 annual meeting of stockholders as previously filed with the SEC on January 5, 2015, and other documents subsequently filed by Great Western with the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of HF Financial Corp., is available in HF Financial Corp.'s, definitive proxy statement, for its 2015 annual meeting of stockholders as previously filed with the SEC on October 16, 2015. Other information regarding the participants and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the Registration Statement and including the proxy statement/prospectus, and other relevant documents regarding the transaction filed with the SEC when they become available. Disclosures 2

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Great Western, HF Financial Corp. and the proposed merger that are forward-looking, including projections as to the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction, the impact of the proposed transaction on anticipated financial results, the synergies from the proposed transaction, and the closing date for the proposed transaction, are based on management’s estimates, assumptions and projections, and are subject to significant uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of Great Western and HF Financial Corp. In particular, projected financial information for the combined company is based on management’s estimates, assumptions and projections and has not been prepared in conformance with the applicable accounting requirements of Regulation S-X

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relating to pro forma financial information, and the required pro forma adjustments have not been applied and are not reflected therein. None of this information should be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, the historical financial statements of Great Western or HF Financial Corp. Important risk factors could cause actual future results and other future events to differ materially from those currently estimated by management, including, but not limited to: the timing to consummate the proposed transaction; the risk that a condition to closing of the proposed transaction may not be satisfied and the transaction may not close; the risk that a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed transaction is delayed, is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; the combined company's ability to achieve the synergies and value creation contemplated by the proposed transaction; management's ability to promptly and effectively integrate the businesses of the two companies; the diversion of management time on transaction-related issues; change in national and regional economic conditions; the effects of governmental regulation of the financial services industry; industry consolidation; technological developments and major world news events. For more discussion of important risk factors that may materially affect Great Western and HF Financial Corp., please see the risk factors contained in Great Western's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 and HF Financial Corp's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, both of which are on file with the SEC and available through the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You should also read Great Western's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015, which is on file with the SEC. No assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do occur, what impact they will have on the results of operations, financial condition or cash flows of Great Western, HF Financial Corp. or the combined company. None of Great Western nor HF Financial Corp. assumes any duty to update or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, as of any future date. Disclosures 3

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• Great Western Bancorp, Inc. has entered into an agreement to acquire HF Financial Corp (Home Federal Bank), headquartered in Sioux Falls, SD • Subject to approval by regulators and HF Financial stockholders. 4 Great News! Ken Karels President & CEO Great Western Bank

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- This acquisition: – Is consistent with our strategy to expand GWB’s presence in existing and adjacent markets. – Solidifies market leadership in the Sioux Falls market and enhances state-wide presence in South Dakota. – Establishes branch presence in desirable Fargo and Minnesota markets. 5 Strategic Rationale
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Focused Business Banking Franchise with Agribusiness Expertise Strong Profitability and Growth Driven by a Highly Efficient Operating Model Risk Management Driving Strong Credit Quality Strong Capital Generation and Attractive Dividend • This acquisition unites two great organizations: – Focused on customer service, building relationships and the community. – Experienced in business and agriculture lending. – Strengthens key business lines; including wealth management and mortgage. – Expected to produce increased profitability and value creation for all stockholders. 6 Strategic Rationale

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• Home Federal Bank – 23 branches across Eastern SD; Fargo ND, and MN – \$ 1.2 billion assets – \$ 916.3 million deposits – \$ 906.3 million loans • Upon completion of the transaction, GWB is projected to have \$11.3 billion in assets and over \$8.5 billion in deposits and loans. 7 Great News! Bryan Kindopp Region President Great Western Bank

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New Footprint 8 127 Attractive Markets in 9 States

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How will this impact GWB? • New markets – Brookings, Mitchell, Yankton SD along with several smaller markets surrounding Sioux Falls – Fargo ND – Marshall and suburban Minneapolis MN • Overlapping markets; branch closures at conversion – Sioux Falls • 3 GWB • 1 Home Federal (Hy-Vee in store) • Strengthening business units – Mortgage (including mortgage servicing) – Wealth management 9

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How will this impact me? • Increased opportunities as part of a larger, growing organization. • Leverage talent to place “Best of the Best” in the right positions to take  
GWB forward. • Assess open positions as they occur over coming months with hiring preference to good performers from Home Federal. 10

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How can I help? • Keep doing your job. – Continue to take outstanding care of our customers. • Embrace the challenge for continued personal growth and career development. – Assist where asked. • Don't speculate or feed the rumor mill. – Ask questions and seek to understand the facts. – Be aware of our disclosure requirements. • Get to know HF Financial. – Be tolerant and respectful all who may be experiencing the stresses brought on by change. 11

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Milestones Ahead • Transaction subject to – Regulatory approval. – Approval of HF Financial's stockholders. • Anticipated closing in calendar Q2 2016. • Home Federal customers will be transitioned to Great Western Bank systems at or shortly after closing. 12

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Communication & Media • Today's press release is available on the GWB Intranet and our website. • Future transaction updates will be posted on the GWB Intranet.  
• Stay mindful of our media guidelines and respect the sensitivity involved in communicating transactions details. – If you receive any media inquires, refer them to:  
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Thank You

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