1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
2	RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11
3	INTRODUCED BY:
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5	Mayor Alan Webber
6	Councilor Jamie Cassutt
7	Councilor Michael Garcia
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10	A RESOLUTION
11	ACCEPTING A DONATION FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW
12	CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER FIELD AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND
13	DIRECTING NEXT STEPS UPON RECEIPT OF THE DONATION.
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15	WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe ("City") adopted Resolution No. 2013-90, supporting
16	the collaboration between City staff and regional soccer leagues to identify improvements to the
17	Municipal Recreation Complex ("MRC") and directing staff to explore funding mechanisms for
18	such improvements and construction; and
19	WHEREAS, the City adopted the "MRC Soccer Complex Master Plan" in September
20	2015; and
21	WHEREAS, the City successfully completed improvements to the MRC Soccer Complex
22	("Soccer Valley") in the spring of 2022, including the installation of lighting on existing fields
23	thereby increasing available playtime and usability of Soccer Valley; and
24	WHEREAS, the City prioritized the "MRC Soccer Valley Expansion" in its 2026-30
25	Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan, adopted in Resolution No. 2024-28, which includes the

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design and construction of additional facilities at the Soccer Valley; and

WHEREAS, the MRC Soccer Complex Master Plan includes four new fields with lights, including a "championship" field with dimensions defined by Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) standards, and associated amenities and facilities, to be built on currently undeveloped City-owned property at the west side of Soccer Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** the Northern Soccer Club ("Northern") has expressed its intent to donate two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000) (the "Donation") to the City, specifically to fund the construction of the championship field, along with associated amenities and facilities and infrastructure directly supporting the field, including, but not limited to, lights, bleachers, a scoreboard, parking, fencing, restrooms, and storage (the "Limited Purpose"); and

WHEREAS, Northern has announced it has an anonymous donor willing to make the Donation; and

**WHEREAS,** according to Northern, the donor stipulates that the City match the Donation with two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000), also dedicated to expanding Soccer Valley; and

WHEREAS, the cost estimate for the MRC Soccer Valley Expansion is approximately twelve million dollars (\$12 million); and

WHEREAS, the Limited Purpose is a portion of the total scope of the MRC Soccer Valley Expansion; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2024 the state of New Mexico appropriated three million four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$3,425,000) for the MRC Soccer Valley Expansion project ("State Appropriation"); and

WHEREAS, the City continues to support the team-sport community, including Northern, through ongoing projects, such as developing new fields at SWAN Park and replacing fields at Salvador Perez Park and improving facilities at Soccer Valley will further expand the City's

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support; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to accept the Donation for the Limited Purpose and to dedicate a portion of the State Appropriation as the matching amount dedicated to the Limited Purpose.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE THAT

- 1. The City may accept the Donation for the Limited Purpose;
- 2. A portion of the State Appropriation equal to the Donation shall be used as matching funds for the Donation; and
- 3. Upon receipt of the Donation, the City Manager shall
  a. provide Northern with a written acknowledgement of the receipt of the Donation,
  specifying the amount receipt, and acknowledging the Donation is subject to the terms of this resolution; and
  b. assemble the appropriate City staff to identify additional capital improvement funds for the portions of the MRC Soccer Valley Expansion that are not included in the Limited Purpose and to commence the design for the Limited Purpose, following standard City procedures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City staff shall consider input from stakeholders, including Northern, to assess the costs and benefits of championship field design elements such as natural turf versus artificial turf.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager shall present recommended design and associated budget adjustment for the championship field to the Governing Body for approval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City shall return any portion of the Donation that is unspent on the Limited Purpose to Northern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body welcomes proposed names for

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1	the new championship field from Northern for consideration as a proposal by one or more member
2	of the Governing Body in a resolution in accordance with Resolution No. 2010-19.
3	PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12th day of February, 2025.
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5	Alan Webber (Feb 14, 2025 12:27 MST)
6	ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR
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8	ANDREA SALAZAR (F. 1), 2028 (3:49 MST)
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