

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-37

3 INTRODUCED BY:

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5 Councilor Christopher M. Rivera

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 SUPPORTING THE PARTY ON THE PITCH SOCCER TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD
12 AT THE SANTA FE DOWNS MAY 21-22, 2016.

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14 WHEREAS, soccer is the fastest growing sport in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, over 14 million Americans play soccer, making it the third most popular
16 team sport in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Major League Soccer (MLS) has grown from 10 teams in 1996 to 20 today,
18 with plans for several other expansion teams, demonstrating the increased draw of professional
19 soccer; and

20 WHEREAS, Santa Fe is no different when it comes to the popularity of soccer, with
21 several area high schools winning state championships in recent years; and

22 WHEREAS, Santa Fe is home to four different soccer organizations – Santa Fe Adult
23 Soccer League, Rio Rapids Northern Soccer Club, La Liga, and the Santa Fe chapter of the
24 American Youth Soccer Organization – all of whom consistently draw players and spectators of
25 all ages to their events; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Adult Soccer League, in coordination with Rio Rapids
2 Northern and La Liga, is planning a Party on the Pitch soccer tournament to be held May 21-22 at
3 the Santa Fe Downs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Party on the Pitch tournament will feature youth 3 v. 3, coed 8 v. 8,
5 men's open 11 v. 11, and men's over-35 11 v. 11 tournaments; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Party on the Pitch will be advertised so as to attract teams from around
7 New Mexico as well as neighboring states who wish to participate in a tournament with high-
8 level competition; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the tournament will include music, food trucks and a beer garden and a
10 lively atmosphere that all family members will enjoy; and

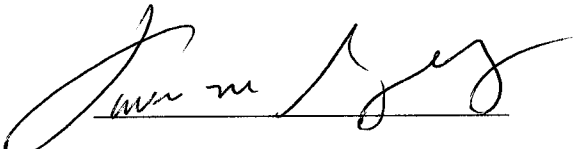
11 **WHEREAS**, tournament organizers have teamed up with local restaurants and hotel to
12 offer discounts on food and drink, as well as reduced hotel rates for tournament participants; and

13 **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Santa Fe soccer community to make the Party on the
14 Pitch soccer tournament an annual event that will draw additional teams from out of state as the
15 areas soccer facilities continue to increase in number and quality; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the tournament will showcase the draw of such sporting events to Santa Fe
17 that would benefit tremendously from a renovated and expanded Santa Fe Soccer Complex to be
18 housed at the Municipal Recreation Complex.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
20 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City of Santa Fe hereby expresses its support for the Party on the
21 Pitch soccer tournament to be held May 21-22 and the Santa Fe Downs.

22 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2016.

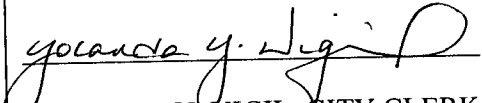
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25 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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