RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE SAN JOSE POLICE FOUNDATION OF SIX HORSES, TWO TRUCKS, TWO HORSE TRAILERS, UNIFORMS, OFFICER TRAINING, AND MISCELLANEOUS TACK AND GEAR VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY $390,000

WHEREAS, the San José Police Department ("Department") previously operated a Horse Mounted Unit (HMU) that provided visible law enforcement presence and effective quality-of-life ordinance enforcement, particularly in the Downtown Core, but was disbanded in 2018 due to budget and staffing constraints; and

WHEREAS, recent evaluations by the Department to enhance uniformed police presence in Downtown San José have highlighted the reinstatement of the HMU as a strategic, cost-neutral, and highly effective solution; and

WHEREAS, reinstating the HMU directly responds to public safety concerns by significantly increasing uniformed presence in high-traffic areas, deterring criminal behavior through proactive engagement, and supporting officers' ability to quickly respond to incidents that may otherwise go unchecked; and

WHEREAS, this HMU is a partnership with the San José Police Foundation**,** which has committed to funding one-time startup and equipment costs, that includes six horses, two trucks, two horse trailers, uniforms and training for officers and miscellaneous gear, currently estimated at $390,000; and

WHEREAS, by utilizing officers on a voluntary, overtime basis, with compensation drawn from unspent walking beat overtime funds allocated to the Central Division,

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this public-private collaboration exemplifies an innovative civic partnership that allows the City to expand public safety services without placing additional strain on the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the reinstated HMU aligns strongly with the City's strategic goals of revitalizing downtown, improving quality of life, and fostering trust between the police and the community they serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a donation from the San José Police Foundation of six horses, two trucks, two horse trailers, uniforms, officer training, and miscellaneous tack and gear valued at approximately $390,000,

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk

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