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1 WHEREAS, Johnny opened Team Tapia Gym in March 2011 and worked
2 tirelessly to give back to his community; and

3 WHEREAS, anyone who met Johnny felt as though they had met a new
4 best friend; and

5 WHEREAS, Johnny tragically died on May 27, 2012 at the age of 45; and

6 WHEREAS, in June of 2017 Johnny will be inducted into the International
7 Boxing Hall of Fame, in a class that includes Evander Holyfield and Marco
8 Antonio Barrera; and

9 WHEREAS, Johnny will be enshrined along with the greatest boxers in
10 history, including Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Mike Tyson,
11 Rocky Marciano, Oscar de la Hoya, Julio Cesar Chavez, and Albuquerque's
12 own Bobby Foster; and

13 WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to honor Johnny Tapia's world class
14 achievements in the sport of boxing and pay tribute to a native son.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
16 ALBUQUERQUE:

17 Section 1. That the Wells Park Community Center is hereby renamed the
18 "Johnny Tapia Community Center at Wells Park" to commemorate his many
19 contributions to the boxing world and the City of Albuquerque.

20 Section 2. That the Department of Family & Community Services is hereby
21 directed to place the statue of Johnny Tapia entitled "Boxing Victory
22 Celebration," created by artist Steve Weems, in an appropriate location at the
23 community center.

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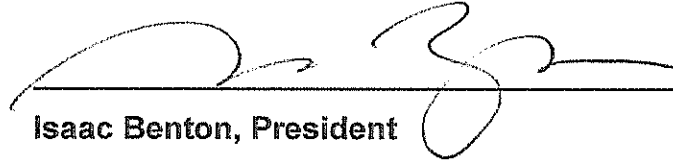
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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF May, 2017
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

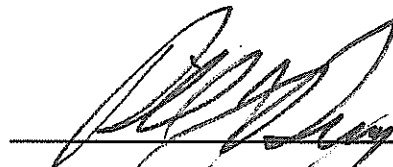
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8 Isaac Benton, President

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12 APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2017

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21 Richard J. Berry, Mayor
22 City of Albuquerque

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29 Natalie Y. Howard, City Clerk

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