CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCII	L BILL NOR-21-180 ENACTMENT NO
SPONSO	PRED BY: Klarissa J. Peña
1	RESOLUTION
2	DEDICATING THE SECTION OF COORS BOULEVARD FROM CENTRAL
3	AVENUE SOUTH TO BERNALILLO COUNTY LIMITS TO HONOR THE LIFE AND
4	SERVICE OF FATHER GRAHAM R. GOLDEN, O. PRAEM AND TO URGE THE
5	NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE AND THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
6	TRANSPORTATION TO MAKE THE SAME DEDICATION
7	WHEREAS, Father Graham R. Golden, O. Praem lived his life as a testimony
8	of God's all-embracing love, mercy, and grace; and
9	WHEREAS. Fr. Graham was born to Dan and Deborah Golden on January 8,
10	1986, in Albuquerque; and died in an automobile accident on May 21, 2021 at
, <u>c</u> 11	the age of 35; and
<u>ə</u> 12	WHEREAS, Fr. Graham had been a part of the Norbertine Community of
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14	have celebrated his sixth year as an ordained priest on June 20, 2021; and
15 TE	WHEREAS, throughout his years of communal life and service, Fr. Graham
16 16	was well-known for being present whenever and wherever he was needed or
<u>3</u> 17	invited; and
18 ± 18	WHEREAS, Fr. Graham entered the Norbertine Community with a deep
19	desire to serve the poor, the oppressed, and the most marginalized members
20 <u>9</u> 20	of our community; and
함 21	WHEREAS, many members of our Albuquerque community have a
₾ 22	personal story of an encounter with Fr. Graham that has touched, impacted, or
23	greatly changed their lives; and
24	WHEREAS, Fr. Graham engaged in extensive work in the Albuquerque
25	community, including but not limited to working with teenagers and young
26	adults, preparing and facilitating homilies, supporting the expansion of the

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1	retreat center at the Abbey, committing himself to the Pilgrimage for
2	Vocations, and establishing a group of young Norbertines; and
3	WHEREAS, Fr. Graham served on several boards and committees for the
4	Archdiocese of Santa Fe, worked for the Catholic Foundation for a time, and
5	served as the previous pastor at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic
6	Community, most recent pastor at St. Augustine Church at Isleta Pueblo, and
7	the Vocations Director and Director of the Office of Christian Discipleship and
8	Religious Vocation at the Abbey, among other roles; and
9	WHEREAS, Fr. Graham's untimely death shall serve as a catalyst for
10	encouraging more public investment among the New Mexico Department of
11	Transportation, the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, Mid-Region
12	Council of Governments, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority,
13	and the New Mexico State Legislature to improve safety along Coors
14	Boulevard from Central Avenue south to Bernalillo County Limits; and
15	WHEREAS, in January 2021 the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County
16	adopted R-20-121 to establish Coors Boulevard and State Highway 45 as a
17	priority area for making improvements to the corridor to align with Urban
18	Arterial Standards; and
19	WHEREAS, through a continued collaboration amongst the City and
20	County, Bernalillo County will for its part consider a dedication and directives
21	substantially similar to those expressed here; and
22	WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has recently launched two initiatives
23	aimed at honoring and responding to the increasing number of pedestrian,
24	bicyclist, and motor vehicle deaths attributed to careless and excessive
25	speeding – 1) Speeding Has A Name and 2) Vision Zero; and
26	WHEREAS, Speeding Has A Name is a City Council public education
27	campaign aimed at humanizing the impact that speeding has on the public
28	health, safety, and welfare of Albuquerque individuals and families; and
29	WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Initiative is a citywide commitment to create
30	safer streets for all, whether walking, biking, driving, or taking transit, and
31	regardless of age or ability; and
32	WHEREAS, the Norbertine Community and Fr. Graham have established a

strong long-term relationship with Mayor Tim Keller and the Norbertine

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2	safety; and
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3	WHEREAS, the Norbertine Community would like to honor the life and
4	service of Fr. Graham by continuing to work with the City of Albuquerque to
5	help implement these campaigns and initiatives across City departments by
6	providing ongoing volunteer support; and
7	WHEREAS, Fr. Graham was an extraordinarily dedicated, talented, and
8	intelligent young priest in Albuquerque and his pastoral heart touched many
9	individuals and groups during the short six years of his priesthood.
10	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
11	OF ALBUQUERQUE:
12	Section 1. That the City will dedicate the section of Coors Boulevard
13	stretching from Central Avenue south to Bernalillo County Limits to honor the
14	life and service of Fr. Graham.
15	Section 2. That the City will urge the New Mexico Department of
16	Transportation and the New Mexico State Legislative to do the same
17	dedication.
18	Section 3. That the City will continue to work with the Norbertine
19	Community to support the implementation of the Speeding Has A Name
20	public education campaign, including holding a special event for volunteers
21	to post street signage aimed at improving public safety.
22	Section 4. That the City will prioritize transportation infrastructure
23	investment aimed at improving public safety along Coors Boulevard from
24	Central Avenue south to Bernalillo County Limits.
25	Section 5. That the City will urge the New Mexico State Legislature to
26	provide ongoing capital outlay funding to provide transportation
27	infrastructure investment along Coors Boulevard from Central Avenue south
28	to Bernalillo County Limits.
29	Section 6. Upon enactment of a substantially similar resolution by
30	Bernalillo County, the dedications and directives expressed by the City and
31	County will constitute a joint resolution of the two governments only as to the
32	matters expressed by each, respectively.
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Community would like to continue to work with the Mayor to ensuring public