RESOLUTION 25-<u>13</u> Of SOMERSET CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Somerset boasts a robust sports and recreational department;

WHEREAS the General Electric baseball fields have been a recreational institution in the City of Somerset for over 50 years, for many community residents the "GE Ball Fields" provided great remembrance of Little League, Babe Ruth, and Cross Country Participation;

WHEREAS General Electric closed its halogen manufacturing operations in Somerset, Kentucky in 2018, and since General Electric has held and studied the site as a brownfield property. In that time, General Electric has negotiated with the Somerset Pulaski Economic Development Authority and the City of Somerset to sell the ballfields portion of the GE halogen light facility to the City with reasonable brownfield or environmental use restrictions;

WHEREAS, in early 2025, the City of Somerset made an offer to buy the former baseball fields site and GE agreed to the price. While the purchase agreement was being negotiated, a tornado struck Somerset and Pulaski County on May 16, 2025. General Electric corporation officers, upon hearing the news of the storm, graciously amended the contract price to zero dollars;

WHEREAS the subject property of this resolution is approximately 15.41 acres and carries PVA ID 060-0-0-06.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerset City Council accepting the above-described property as a donation is proper and purpose;

RESOLVED FURTHER that The Mayor of Somerset is hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute, for and on behalf of the City, and in its name, all documents required in connection with the acquisition of the property, including, but not limited to purchase agreements and escrow, closing documents, and instruments of conveyance; and, further resolved that the actions taken by the Mayor to acquire the property are hereby, adopted, ratified, confirmed, and approved as the acts and deeds of the City of Somerset;

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Somerset City council, on behalf of the City and its residents, extends its appreciation of General Electric Corporation for the donation of the GE ballfield site located in Somerset, Kentucky;

Motion and voted successfully on the 14th day of July 2025 as proven and executed by the officers below.

Alan L. Keck, Mayor of the City of Somerset

And attested by,

Wick Bradley, Clerk of the City of Somerset