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2ND ANNUAL SANTA FE INTERNATIONAL MARATHON, 5K, and 1 MILE RACE

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Race Follows a New Course Along the Rail Trail and Incorporates the Rail Runner

Santa Fe, N.M., September X, 2023—The 2nd annual Santa Fe International Half The marathon/5K/1 mile run unfolds on a new course along the Rail Trail on Sunday, September 17, 2023. This year's incarnation, unique from those that preceded it, begins and ends at the South Capitol Rail Runner station. Start times are 6:30 AM for the Half Marathon and First Responders Relay and 7 AM for Coach Doug McTernan Memorial 5K and 1 Mile races.

Additional new elements in 2023 include live music along the course and a roundtrip ride on the Rail Runner, departing at 9:30 AM from the South Capitol Station to transport runners to the Railyard Station for a post-race community celebration and award ceremony at Nuckolls Brewing. Runners can enjoy one free drink when they present their bib to bartenders, and participants & families can play games and listen to live music while having brews and bites on the Nuckolls lawn. The 3:05 PM train transports runners back to the South Capitol Station.

Race organizer Abraham Kosgei says, "I am so excited for this race and how it has always and will continue to bring runners together from around the world with a shared a vision of empowering the next generation through their love of running."

Runners and walkers of all abilities, ages, and cultures are invited to register for the various runs on the Santa Fe International Half-Marathon website at santafehalfmarathon.com. Packet Pick Up is on Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16, between 10 AM and 5 PM, at Santa Fe Running Hub, 1100 Don Diego Avenue. About the Santa Fe Half Marathon

The Santa Fe Half Marathon has a long history in Santa Fe; for many years, it was a September event that started at Fort Marcy Park and terminated at Buffalo Thunder Resort. In its 2023 incarnation, the four discrete races (Half Marathon, First Responders Relay, Coach Doug McTernan Memorial 5K, and the 1 Mile) begin at the South Capitol Rail Runner Station. Nuckolls Brewing hosts the award ceremony and race celebration

After the Half Marathon. In 2024, the plan is to design a point-to-point race. The race Sponsors are Jamii RP, Jirani Kakawa, NM Office of African American Affairs, Running Hub, Jamii RP, Water Engineers for the Americas and Africa, Jambo Cafe, and Violet Crown. For more information: santafehalfmarathon.com

About the Doug McTernan Memorial 5K

The 5K is dedicated to Coach Doug McTernan, founder of the Jamii Running Project, a non-profit running club, and a beloved local coach and accomplished runner, as a tribute to his extraordinary dedication, mentorship, and passion for the sport. In 2019, Coach Doug moved to New Mexico and started the Jamii Running Project to contribute to his new community and encourage people of all abilities, ages, and cultures to run for the love of it, as a way to improve lifetime fitness goals and nutrition, instill discipline, teach teamwork and sportsmanship, and also provide the training needed to compete in all levels of road races. Jamii translates to community or family in Swahili.