ORDINANCE NO. 786
AN ORDINANCE CREATING A QUALIFIED MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD FOR THE TOWN OF DEL NORTE

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DONE and **SIGNED** this 11th day of March 2026

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