

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE _____ TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING OF THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST TEVA, ALLERGAN, WALMART, WALGREENS, CVS, AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE TOWN ATTORNEY [AND/OR TOWN MANAGER] [AND/OR THE TOWN'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL] TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties, cities, and towns, including the Town of _____, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by _____'s various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties, cities, and towns, including _____, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and _____; and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS to pay billions of dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney [and/or the Town's outside counsel] has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and has recommended that the Town participate in the settlements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ Town Council, this ___ day of _____, 2023, approves of the Town's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and their related corporate entities, and directs the Town Attorney [and/or Town Manager] [and/or the Town's outside counsel] to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the Town's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.