

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF WALTON COUNTY, GEORGIA (“COUNTY”) AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART SETTLEMENTS AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY AN ANTICIPATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND GEORGIA SUBDIVISIONS REGARDING THE NATIONAL TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART SETTLEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the County initiated litigation against certain manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids in *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL 2804, to hold them accountable for the opioid epidemic and to seek equitable and monetary relief;

WHEREAS, Defendants Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart have reached national settlement frameworks (collectively referred to as the “New Opioid Settlements”) with certain states, including the State of Georgia, and certain subdivisions, and Georgia subdivisions now have the option to join;

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and certain Georgia subdivisions anticipate reaching a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the New Opioid Settlements, the purpose of which is to maximize funds available under the New Opioid Settlements and control how funds from the New Opioid Settlements are allocated between the State of Georgia and Georgia subdivisions, and the form of which is expected to be identical in all material respects to the “State of Georgia and Local Governments: Memorandum of Understanding Concerning National Distributor and Johnson & Johnson Opioid Settlements” previously agreed to by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to participate in the New Opioid Settlements and intends to agree to be bound by the anticipated Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia regarding the New Opioid Settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WALTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of the County, hereby agrees to participate in the New Opioid Settlements.

Section 2. The County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of the County, hereby agrees to be bound by the anticipated Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia regarding the New Opioid Settlements.

Section 3. The County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints John Ward as the duly-appointed representative of the County for the purposes of participating in the New Opioid Settlements and agreeing to be bound by the anticipated Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia regarding the New Opioid Settlements.

Section 4. Once a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia has been reached regarding the New Opioid Settlements, the County Board of Commissioners directs the duly-appointed representative of the County to execute any document necessary to demonstrate the County's agreement to be bound by the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 5. Once a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia has been reached regarding the New Opioid Settlements, the County Board of Commissioners directs the duly-appointed representative of the County to execute the requisite Participation Forms for the New Opioid Settlements, which can be executed via DocuSign (the preferred method). For illustrative purposes, blank versions of the Participation Forms for the New Opioid Settlements are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

Section 6. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption as provided by law.

This Resolution was introduced, seconded and adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Walton County Board of Commissioners, held on March 7, 2023.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

County Clerk