

March 14th, 2023
Town Council
Regular Meeting

A RESOLUTION OF THE WARRENTON 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 TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

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 Warrenton, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Warrenton's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties, cities, and towns, including Warrenton, 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 Warrenton; 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 has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and has recommended that the Town participate in the settlements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warrenton Town Council, this 14th day of March, 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 to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the Town's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

ATTACHMENT: Staff Report

Votes:

Ayes: Mr. Paul Mooney, Ms. Heather Sutphin, Mr. William Semple, Mr. James Hartman, Mr. Jay Heroux, Mr. David McGuire

Nays:

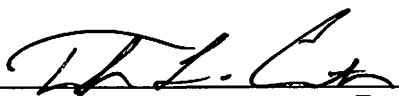
Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting: Mr. Brett Hamby

For Information:

Town Attorney

ATTEST: _____



Town Recorder