

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING GREENVILLE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST TEVA, ALLERGAN, WALMART, WALGREENS, AND CVS.

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic has cost thousands of human lives across the country and has adversely impacted the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health, substance abuse services, and other services; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina and its cities and counties 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 South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in order to advance their common interests, South Carolina local governments and the State of South Carolina, through counsel, have extensively negotiated the terms of the South Carolina Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement relating to the allocation and use of litigation recoveries relating to the opioid epidemic; 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by that Greenville County Council hereby approves Greenville County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS and their related corporate entities. Greenville County Council authorizes and directs the County Administrator and the County Attorney to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlements, including any required release of claims against the settling entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Carolina Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement is hereby amended to include the Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS settlements. Greenville County Council authorizes and directs the County Administrator and the County Attorney to execute the amended Allocation Agreement, any other or additional documents that may be necessary to effectuate the amended Allocation Agreement.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Dan Tripp, Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator