

**A RESOLUTION**

**APPROVING GREENVILLE COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST KROGER.**

**WHEREAS**, the opioid epidemic has claimed thousands of lives across the nation, severely impacting the delivery of emergency medical services, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health, substance abuse services, and other critical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of South Carolina, along with its cities and counties, has been and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy, and time to mitigate the ongoing damage caused by the opioid crisis to the citizens of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, to protect and advance their shared interests, South Carolina local governments and the State of South Carolina, through legal counsel, have extensively negotiated the terms of the South Carolina Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement regarding the distribution and use of litigation recoveries related to the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, a settlement proposal has been reached that will require The Kroger Company and its related entities (“Kroger”) to pay over \$1.2 billion nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Greenville County Council hereby approves Greenville County’s participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Kroger. The 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 settlement, including any required release of claims against the settling entity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the South Carolina Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement is hereby amended to include the Kroger settlement. The Greenville County Council authorizes and directs the County Administrator and the County Attorney to execute the amended Allocation Agreement and any other necessary documents to effectuate the amended Allocation Agreement.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

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Dan Tripp, Chairman  
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

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Regina McCaskill  
Clerk to Council

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Joseph M. Kernell  
County Administrator