

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THIS "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT") TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FLORIDA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND FORMAL AGREEMENTS A UNIFIED PLAN.

WHEREAS, Taylor County, Florida has suffered harm from the opiod epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has filed an action pending in Pasco County, Florida, and a number of Florida Cities and Counties have also filed an action, *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) and Taylor County, Florida is a litigating participant in that action;

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and lawyers representing various local governments involved in the Opiod Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from related litigation;

WHEREAS, the Florida Memorandum of Understanding ("Florida Plan") sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opiod settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the Florida Plan will be entered into at a future date; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the Florida Plan by a large majority of Florida cities and counties will materially increase the amount of funds to Florida and should improve Florida's relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the Florida Plan will reduce funds available to the State, Taylor County, Florida, and every other Florida city and county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Governmental Unit:

SECTION 1. That this Governmental Unit finds that participation in the Florida Plan would be in the best interest of Governmental Unit and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opiod epidemic and each and every city and county receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

SECTION 2. That this Governmental Unit hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opiod settlement proceeds as generally described in the Florida Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 3. That Taylor County, Florida is hereby expressly authorized to execute the Florida Plan in substantially the form contained in Exhibit "A".

SECTION 4. That Taylor County, Florida is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the Florida Plan and this Resolution.

SECTION 5. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. The Clerk of this Governmental Unit is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities/Florida Association of Counties and Attorney General Ashley Moody, % John M. Guard, The Capitol, PL-01, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April, 2021.



TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: Thomas Demps
THOMAS DEMPS, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Gary Knowles
GARY KNOWLES, Clerk