

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6539

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. LORINO

PROVIDED BY: _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THIS GOVERNMENTAL UNIT) TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (THE MOU) AND ANY SUBSEQUENT FORMAL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MOU, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM(S) IN EXHIBIT K OF THE DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE JANSSEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT .

WHEREAS, SEE ATTACHED

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 4 DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2021, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR. , COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

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COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. LORINO

PROVIDED BY: Ross Lagarde

A Resolution authorizing the ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT (herein referred to as this “Governmental Unit”) to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the *LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING* (the “MOU”) and any subsequent Formal Agreements necessary to implement the MOU, including but not limited to, the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in Exhibit K of the National *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*¹.

WHEREAS, the ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Cities and Parishes have also filed actions either in state court or have been transferred to *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the “Opioid Litigation”) and ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT is a litigating participant in such action;

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

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

WHEREAS, participation in the MOU by a large majority of Louisiana cities and parishes will materially increase the amount of funds to Louisiana and should improve Louisiana’s relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the MOU will reduce funds available to the State, ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT, and every other Louisiana city and Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

SECTION 1. That this Governmental Unit finds that participation in the MOU would be in the best interest of the Governmental Unit and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every city and Parish 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 opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the MOU.

SECTION 3. That **Ross Lagarde** is hereby expressly authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form described.

SECTION 4. That Parish President Michael B. Cooper, is hereby authorized to execute the any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the MOU and this Resolution including but not

¹ Available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

limited to the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*².

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 Ordinance/Resolution to the Louisiana Attorney General at:

Attorney General Jeff Landry
c/o Bill Stiles
Post Office Box 94005
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

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

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KATRINA BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

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