

**RESOLUTION OF THE MECKLENBURG BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
WITH PURDUE PHARMA, AND THE SACKLER FAMILY, AND APPROVING THE THIRD
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS BETWEEN THE STATE OF
NORTH CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE
SETTLEMENT OF THE OPIOID LITIGATION.**

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County, along with several counties and municipalities in North Carolina, joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical distribution companies and chain drug stores to hold those companies accountable for their misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated the total economic burden of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States to be \$78.5 billion dollars per year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment and criminal justice involvement. More than 41,500 North Carolinians lost their lives to a drug overdose from 2000-2023; and

WHEREAS, a settlement has been reached with Purdue Pharma L.P and the Sackler family in the amount of \$7.4 billion dollars related to its role in the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, settlements (collectively “the Secondary Opioid Manufacturer Settlements”) have been reached in litigation against Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC, Apotex Corp., Hikma Pharmaceutical USA Inc. f/k/a West-Ward Pharmaceutical Corp., Indivior Inc., Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., Viatris Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceutical (USA) Inc., as well as their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, and directors (collectively “the Secondary Opioid Manufacturer Defendants”) named in the Secondary Opioid Manufacturer settlements; and

WHEREAS, representatives of local North Carolina governments, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Third Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds (“SAAF-3”) to provide for the equitable distribution of the proceeds of the Secondary Opioid Manufacturer Settlements. Local governments are asked to join the settlement, contingent upon bankruptcy court approval; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to all North Carolinians for local governments, including Mecklenburg County to sign onto the Secondary Opioid Manufacturer Settlements, SAAF-3, and approving the bankruptcy plan and settlements relating to Purdue and the Sackler family, in order to demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid overdose crisis and to maximize the share of settlement funds received both in the state and Mecklenburg County

to help abate the harm. North Carolina is expected to receive approximately \$150 million from the Purdue Pharma and Sackler family settlement; and

WHEREAS, eighty-five percent (85%) of the funds will go directly to counties and eligible municipalities to be used for opioid remediation, such as addiction treatment, recovery services, and harm reduction initiatives. The remaining 15% will go to the state for broader opioid-related programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mecklenburg County hereby continues to authorize ongoing participation in settlement recommendations and authorizes the County Manager or County Attorney to execute any and all documents on behalf of Mecklenburg County necessary to participate in the ongoing settlements with the Secondary Opioid Manufacturer Defendants, to execute the SAAF-3, and to approve the bankruptcy plan and settlement agreements relating to Purdue and the Sackler family and to provide such documents to Rubris, the Implementation Administrator, as recommended.

Adopted this the _____ day of September 2025.

Mark D. Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kristine Smith, Clerk to the Board (SEAL)