

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, Colleen M. O'Toole, Ashtabula County Prosecutor, to execute the Participation Agreement for the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement with Janssen/Johnson&Johnson pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

WHEREAS, the County of Ashtabula, Ohio (herein "County") is a county formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners ("Board") has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially effectuation earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Janssen/Johnson&Johnson to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with the Proposed Settlement:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO.

Section 1. That Colleen M. O'Toole is authorized to accept the Proposed Settlement on behalf of the County of Ashtabula, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

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Upon the motion of J.P. Ducro IV, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.

**VOTE:**


Kathryn L. Whittington  
J.P. Ducro IV  
Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye  
Aye  
Aye

**CERTIFICATE OF CLERK**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.

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Crystal Sturgill, Clerk of the Board, *Acting*  
Board of County Commissioners  
Ashtabula County, Ohio