

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBEMARLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID- RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST KROGER AND ITS RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including the County of Albemarle, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by the County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including the County of Albemarle, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and the County; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause Kroger to pay over a billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that this pending settlement with Kroger shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, opioid manufacturers Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan, and retail pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart;

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement and has recommended that the County participate in the settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, this ____ day of _____, 2024, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Kroger and its related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against Kroger.

I, Claudette Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a meeting held on _____.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Andrews	____	____
Mr. Gallaway	____	____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	____	____
Ms. Mallek	____	____
Ms. McKeel	____	____
Mr. Pruitt	____	____