

## RESOLUTION 2022 - 023

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT WITH DISTRIBUTORS AND A MANUFACTURER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO EFFECTUATE SAME; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Powder Springs (“the City”) like other cities across the country has been impacted by the adverse effects of the nationwide opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, states and local governments have engaged in litigation against manufacturers and distributors of opioid products; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr, together with the majority of state Attorneys General across the country, have signed on to settlements with pharmaceutical distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen (the Distributors), and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (collectively J&J); and

**WHEREAS**, the Distributors and J&J settlements, if agreed to and adopted by both the states and by eligible cities and counties nationwide, will provide substantial funds for the abatement of the opioid epidemic in Georgia and throughout the United States, and they will require changes in the way that the settling defendants conduct their business; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is eligible to participate in the settlements but to do so must formally adopt proposed agreements for both the Distributors and J&J settlements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council deem it to be in the best interest of the public’s health safety and welfare to join in the settlements.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs that the City elects to take part in both the Distributors and J&J settlements, adopt the proposed agreements for both, and authorize the Mayor to execute memoranda of understanding with the State of Georgia, settlement participation forms, and any other documentation necessary to effectuate the City’s participation in the settlements, after review and approval by the City Attorney. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**SO RESOLVED** this 21st day of February, 2022.

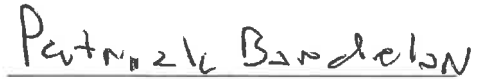
  
Albert Thurman, Mayor

  
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