## **RESOLUTION 2023 - 055**

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

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 the City previously elected to join the settlements with certain distributors and manufacturers under Resolution 2022-023 following the State of Georgia's determination to participate and sign on to said settlement;

WHEREAS, the City has received a notice to participate in new national settlements because the State of Georgia is participating, and the City deems it in the best interest of the public's health, safety and welfare to also participate in the new 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 the new national opioid settlements 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 6th day of March, 2023.

Albert Thurman, Mayor

Henry Lust, Council Member

Doris Dawkins Council Member

Dwayne Green, Council Member

Patrick Bordelon, Council Member

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Patricia Wisdom, Council Member

Attest:

Kelly Axt. City Clerk