

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM  
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENTS AND APPROVING THE  
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS BETWEEN THE STATE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE  
SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, the opioid overdose epidemic had taken the lives of more than 32,000 North Carolinians (2000-2021);

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the opioid overdose crisis, increasing levels of drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the total economic burden of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement; and

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

**WHEREAS**, settlements have been reached in litigation against Walmart, Inc., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Allergan Limited, CVS Health Corporation, CVS Pharmacy, Inc., and Walgreen Co., as well as their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, and directors named in the these Settlements; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of local North Carolina governments and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds (SAAF) to provide for the equitable distribution of the proceeds of these settlements; and

**WHEREAS**, by joining the settlements and approving the SAAF, the state and local governments maximize North Carolina's share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities, as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, it is advantageous to all North Carolinians for local governments, including the City of Winston-Salem and its residents, to sign onto the settlements and SAAF and demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid overdose crisis, and to maximize the share of opioid settlement funds flowing to North Carolina to help abate the harm; and

**WHEREAS**, the SAAF directs substantial resources over multiple years to local governments on the front lines of the opioid overdose epidemic while ensuring that these resources are used in an effective way to address the crisis;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to enter into opioid settlement agreements with

**Winston-Salem City Council**  
**APPROVED**  
**March 20, 2023**

Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Allergan, and Teva, to execute the SAAF, and to provide such documents to Rubris, the Implementation Administrator.

Adopted this the 20th day of March 2023.

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[MAYOR OF WINSTON-SALEM]

ATTEST:

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