

RESOLUTION 21-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FLORIDA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND FORMAL AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTING A UNIFIED PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie recognizes that the entire State of Florida has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has filed an action pending in Pasco County, Florida, and a number of Florida Cities and Counties have also filed an action *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the “Opioid Litigation”) and the City of Port St. Lucie is a litigating participant in that action ; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Memorandum of Understanding (the “Florida Plan”) sets forth sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the Florida Plan will be entered into at a future date; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Florida Plan by a large majority of Florida cities and counties will materially increase the amount of funds to Florida and should improve Florida’s relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations; and

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the Florida Plan will reduce funds available to the State, the City of Port St. Lucie, and every other Florida city and county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City of Port St. Lucie finds that participation in the Florida Plan would be in the best interest of the City of Port St. Lucie and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every city and county receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

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Section 2. That the City of Port St. Lucie hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the Florida Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

Section 3. That Shannon M. Martin is hereby expressly authorized to execute the Florida Plan in substantially the form contained in Exhibit “A.”

Section 4. That Shannon M. Martin is hereby authorized to execute the any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the Florida Plan and this Resolution.

Section 5. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

Section 6. The Clerk is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida:

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Attorney General Ashley Moody
c/o John M. Guard
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Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this 12th day of July, 2021.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

ATTEST:

By: _____
Shannon M. Martin, Vice Mayor

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James D. Stokes, City Attorney