

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
NATIONAL OPIOID REMNANT DEFENDANTS SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, Wake County has been impacted by the opioid epidemic and is committed to improving access to care, supporting recovery, and strengthening how systems respond to individuals with substance use needs; and

WHEREAS, a national opioid settlement has been reached with six regional distributors and dispensers—Associated Pharmacies, Inc. and American Associated Pharmacies; J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc., including certain subsidiaries (collectively, the “Remnant Defendants”); and

WHEREAS, the Six Remnant Defendants are expected to pay a total \$720 million to settle opioid claims across the nation. The settlement would be subject in North Carolina to the equitable distribution of the proceeds as set forth in the settlement agreements; and

WHEREAS, Wake County is expected to receive an amount pursuant to the allocation set forth in Exhibit E of the Settlement Agreement among Participating Subdivisions and Remnant Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Six Remnant Defendants settlement is not governed by the North Carolina Memorandum of Agreement between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (“NC MOA”); consequently, any funds received from the Six Remnant Defendants settlement shall be placed in a separate fund from settlements governed by the NC MOA;

WHEREAS, any funds received from the Six Remnant Defendants settlement shall be used for opioid abatement strategies as outlined in Exhibit D of the Settlement Agreement among Participating Subdivisions and Remnant Defendants;

WHEREAS, Wake County’s participation in the settlement will provide additional resources to support ongoing efforts to address the impacts of the opioid epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wake County Board of Commissioners that:

1. Wake County elects to participate in the national opioid Remnant Defendants Settlement; and
2. The County Attorney, or their designee, is authorized to execute all documents necessary for Wake County to participate in and implement the settlement, including any required participation forms or agreements; and
3. Any funds received shall be used for opioid remediation purposes consistent with the terms of the settlement and applicable law.

Adopted this the 4th day of May 2026.

Donald Mial, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Yvonne Gilyard, Clerk to the Board .

COUNTY SEAL