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Resolution No. 20-2021

**A RESOLUTION OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS TO APPROVE JOINING THE
STATEWIDE LITIGATION REGARDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC;**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Kansas and its communities have been harmed by the Opioid Epidemic due to the misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas, through its Attorney General, and certain Political Subdivisions, including Cherokee County, through their elected representatives and counsel, that separately have claims or potential claims seek to hold Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damages caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee County, its residents and resources have been impacted by the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, 2021 House Bill 2079 contemplates the distribution of settlement funds received from the opioid litigation to non-litigating municipalities and litigating municipalities who have entered into an agreement to waive their claims according to a formula negotiated between the Attorney General, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, the moneys in the Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund shall be expended for projects and activities that prevent, reduce, treat, or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction or to reimburse the municipality for previous expenses related to substance abuse mitigation or arising from covered conduct; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

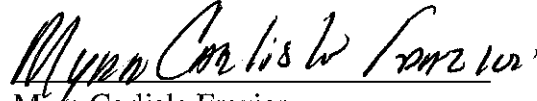
Cherokee County shall join the Memorandum of Understanding between the Attorney General, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties.

Cherokee County shall authorize the signing of an "Agreement to Release and Assign Claims"

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Cherokee County Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, this 20th day of December, 2021.


Cory Moates, Chairman
Cherokee County Commissioner


Myra Carlisle Frazier
Cherokee County Commissioner


Lorie Johnson
Cherokee County Commissioner

ATTEST:


Kyle Rennie, County Clerk

