

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONWIDE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH JOHNSON & JOHNSON, MCKESSON,
CARDINAL HEALTH, AND AMERISOURCEBERGEN TO RESOLVE CLAIMS
INVOLVING THEIR ROLES IN THE COUNTRY'S OPIOID CRISIS**

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2021, Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck announced that New Jersey intends to join nationwide settlement agreements with New Jersey based pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson and the United States' three largest pharmaceutical distributors – McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen – to resolve claims involving their roles in fomenting the country's opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, participation in the nationwide settlements will not only hold the companies financially accountable by requiring payments of as much as \$26 billion, but will also provide funding to support programs that address the opioid epidemic in New Jersey and across the country, and will require significant changes in the pharmaceutical industry aimed at preventing similar crises in the future; and

WHEREAS, participation by a significant number of states, county, and municipal governments nationwide in the settlements and agreement to the proposed terms is necessary in order for the settlements to take effect; and

WHEREAS, provided enough states opt to participate in the settlements, their subdivisions (i.e. county and municipal governments) will have through January 2, 2022 to join; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to participate and join in the settlement agreements in order to hold these companies financially accountable for the ongoing opioid crisis and to implement the necessary changes to prevent such a crisis from happening again in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this ___ day of _____, 2021, by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick that the Mayor, Township Clerk, Business Administrator are hereby authorized to sign any documents necessary in order to join the settlement agreements with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen to resolve claims involving their participation in the opioid crisis without further authorization by the governing body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of The Attorney General and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Justine Progebin
Business Administrator

Ronald H. Gordon, Esq
Township Attorney
Approved as to Legal Form

RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
MEHTA				
LOPEZ				
GUADAGNINO				
ANDREWS				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on December 13, 2021.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk