

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A Resolution authorizing ALACHUA COUNTY, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, 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, ALACHUA COUNTY has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the ALACHUA COUNTY recognizes that the entire State of Florida has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

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 ALACHUA COUNTY is a litigating participant in that action;

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;

WHEREAS, the Florida Memorandum of Understanding (the “Florida Plan”) 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;

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the Florida Plan will reduce funds available to the State, ALACHUA COUNTY, and every other Florida city and county;

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of County Commissioners finds that participation in the Florida Plan would be in the best interest of Alachua County 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.

SECTION 2. That Alachua County 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 the Board Chair is hereby expressly authorized to execute the Florida Plan in substantially the form contained in Exhibit “A.”

SECTION 4. That the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute the any formal agreementsimplementing 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 of Court is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy ofthis Ordinance/Resolution to

Attorney General Ashley  
Moodyc\o John M. Guard  
The  
Capitol,  
PL-01  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**DULY ADOPTED** in regular session, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.  
Clerk of Court

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Cornell, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney

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