



WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, as a litigating entity, the city of Duluth is entitled to receive funds under the Opioid Litigation Settlements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the state of Minnesota and the residents of the city of Duluth and St. Louis county that the city participate in the Opioid Litigation Settlements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that participation in the Opioid Litigation Settlements promotes the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the city of Duluth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth supports and opts in to the Opioid Litigation Settlements with the settling distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen, and with the settling manufacturer Johnson & Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that city staff is hereby authorized to execute or ensure execution of all necessary documents to ensure city participation in the Opioid Litigation Settlements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and the State-Subdivision Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth supports amendment of Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d) to remove a provision which would appropriate approximately 50 percent of the state's settlement allocation to county social service agencies via the existing Opiate Epidemic Response Fund distribution mechanism for statutorily-prescribed use(s).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to authorize city officials to participate in a national prescription opioid settlement. A staff report from litigation counsel, Jared Shepard, is attached as Exhibit A.