A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF BURKE
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Burke County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals;

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA");

WHEREAS, Burke County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by Section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS, section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate budget resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.

b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, Burke County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. Strategy authorized
    a. Name of strategy: Post-Overdose Response Team (PORT)
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 8
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $8,125
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
        Start date of December 15, 2025, through End date June 30, 2026
    f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fund an Assistant Medical Director dedicated to providing medical oversight, protocol review, quality assurance, and clinical consultation for the PORT Team. Funding will support a prorated professional services agreement for the initial term.
    g. Provider: High Country Community Health

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above-named and authorized strategy is $8,125

Adopted this 15th day of December 2025.

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_____, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board