BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION BY THE BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PARTICIPATION DOCUMENTS FOR THE REMNANT DEFENDANTS' NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic has caused significant harm to communities across the United States, including Burke County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Burke County previously participated in national opioid settlements with certain manufacturers, distributors, and related entities, resulting in settlement funds distributed to North Carolina and its local governments for opioid remediation activities; and

WHEREAS, a new national opioid settlement has been reached with six regional distributors and dispensing entities, known as the Remnant Defendants, including:

- Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies)
- J M Smith Corporation
- Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.
- Morris and Dickson Co.
- North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.
- United Natural Foods, Inc., including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is referred to as the Remnant Defendants Settlement, and eligible subdivisions, including Burke County, must formally elect to participate in the settlement by executing a Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form; and

WHEREAS, participation in the settlement will allow Burke County to receive its allocated share of settlement funds, which will be distributed and used in accordance with the North Carolina Memorandum of Agreement governing opioid settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for eligible subdivisions to opt in and return the required participation documents is May 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners finds that participation in the Remnant Defendants Settlement is in the best interest of the County and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burke County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Burke County to participate in the Remnant Defendants National Opioid Settlement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burke County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager, or his designee, to execute the Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form and any related documents necessary for Burke County to participate in the settlement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds received by Burke County as a result of this settlement shall be managed and expended in accordance with the North Carolina Memorandum of Agreement and applicable laws governing opioid settlement funds.

Adopted this 20th day of April 2026.

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Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Katherine Wright
Interim Clerk to the Board