

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-111
OF THE
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, TO JOIN THE
STATE OF ALABAMA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS PARTICIPANTS
IN CURRENT AND FUTURE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities in the United States, the State of Alabama, and Baldwin County, Alabama (“Baldwin County”); and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County has suffered harm and will continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama and some Alabama local governments have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers (the “Opioid Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has entered into a Settlement Agreement with Cardinal Health (“Cardinal”) and Cencora f/k/a AmerisourceBergen Drug Company (“Cencora”), which includes the claims for the State of Alabama’s local governments, and Baldwin County finds the terms of the Settlement Agreement acceptable and in the best interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has proposed a Settlement Sign-On Agreements to the local governments, and Baldwin County finds the terms of the Sign-On Agreements acceptable and in the best interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreements and Sign-On Agreements detail the allocation of Settlement Funds, which Baldwin County finds acceptable and in the best interest of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The County Commission finds that participation in the Cardinal and Cencora Opioid Settlements is in the best interest of Baldwin County and its citizens.

SECTION 2. Baldwin County hereby expresses its support for the Settlement of Opioid claims against Cardinal and Cencora and the allocation and use of Settlement Funds as generally described in the Settlement Agreement and Sign-On Agreement, because such a plan would ensure an effective structure for the commitment of Settlement Funds to abate and seek to resolve the opioid epidemic.

SECTION 3. The County Commission hereby expressly authorizes the Baldwin County Commission Chairman ("Chairman") to execute the Cardinal and Cencora Settlement Sign-On Agreements and to execute any formal agreements necessary to implement the Settlements and plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds.

SECTION 4. The County Commission hereby expressly authorizes the Chairman to execute any formal agreement and related documents evidencing Baldwin County's agreement to the settlement of its Cardinal and Cencora claims and litigation specifically related to the Opioid Epidemic.

SECTION 5. The Chairman is authorized to take such other action as necessary and appropriate to effectuate Baldwin County's participation in the Cardinal and Cencora Settlements related to the Opioid Epidemic.

SECTION 6. This Resolution is effective upon adoption, the welfare of Baldwin County, Alabama, requiring it.

DONE, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED, under the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, as
affixed on this the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood, Chairman

Roger Rendleman, County Administrator