

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-145
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 The Kroger Co. (“Kroger”), 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 Agreement to the local governments, and Baldwin County finds the terms of the Sign-On Agreement acceptable and in the best interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement 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 Kroger Opioid Settlement 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 Kroger 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 Kroger Settlement Sign-On Agreement and to execute any formal agreements necessary to implement the Settlement 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 Kroger 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 Kroger Settlement 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

ATTEST:

Roger Rendleman, County Administrator