

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-6.24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING MARTIN COUNTY TO JOIN WITH THE STATE
OF FLORIDA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT
IN THE FLORIDA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND FORMAL
AGREEMENTS IMPLETMENTING A UNIFIED PLAN**

WHEREAS, Martin County has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Martin County recognizes that the entire State of Florida has suffered harm as a result of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has filed an action pending in Pasco County, Florida, and a number of Florida cities and counties have also filed an action *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (“Opioid Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, Martin County is not a litigating participant in any opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Memorandum of Understanding (“the Florida Plan”) sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the Florida Plan will be entered into on a future date; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Florida Plan by a large majority of Florida counties and cities will materially increase the amount of funds to Florida and should improve Florida’s relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations; and

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the Florida Plan will reduce the funds available to the State, Martin County and every other Florida city and county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Martin County, Florida:

1. That the Board finds that participation in the Florida plan would be in the best interests of Martin County and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every county and city recevies funds for the harm that it has suffered.




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2. That the Board hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the Florida Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. That the Board expressly authorizes the Chair to execute the Florida Plan in substantially the form contained in Exhibit A after review and recommendation by the County Attorney.
4. That the Board expressly authorizes the Chair to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the Florida Plan and this Resolution after review and recommendation by the County Attorney.
5. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.
6. That the Clerk is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida Attorney General, Ashley Moody, c/o John M. Guard, The Capitol, PL-01, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE 2021.

ATTEST:



CAROLYN TIMMANN, CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA



STACEY HETHERINGTON, CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:



SARAH W. WOODS, COUNTY ATTORNEY