

RESOLUTION NO. R21-029

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAFFORD, ARIZONA APPROVING AND ADOPTING ONE ARIZONA DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Arizona and Arizona communities have been harmed by the opioid epidemic, which was caused by entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain.

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona Attorney General (the "State"), and certain Participating Local Governments are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage they caused.

WHEREAS the State and the Participating Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants' misconduct throughout the State of Arizona.

WHEREAS the State and the Participating Local Governments previously entered into the One Arizona Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to jointly approach Settlement negotiations with the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants.

WHEREAS, the existing MOU, and the ongoing negotiations that it facilitated, have resulted in proposed final settlements with major opioid distributors.

WHEREAS continued participation by political subdivisions in the State of Arizona will require said subdivisions to sign on to the One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement no later than November 10, 2021.

WHEREAS, signing on to this agreement is not the final step in the process of receiving funds distributions.


WHEREAS, political subdivisions within the State of Arizona will be required, at a later date, to sign the pending settlement agreements with the opioid distributors.

WHEREAS, in signing the agreements political subdivisions in the State of Arizona agree to release all claims against the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants but not other pharmaceutical entities involved in the opioid crisis; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Safford, Arizona that we fully support and sign the *One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement*.

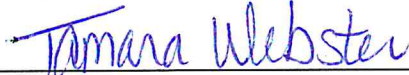
PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Safford, Arizona, this 11th day of October 2021.

APPROVED:




Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Tamara Webster, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED TO FORM:



William J. Sims, III
City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona,)
) ss
County of Graham)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Resolution No. R21-029 was duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, at a Council Meeting held October 11, 2021. A quorum was present at the meeting.



Tamara Webster, CMC

October 11, 2021

Date: