

DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORMS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida filed an action in Pasco County, Florida, and numerous Florida cities and counties filed actions in *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio)* (collectively, the “Opioid Litigation”) against various pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, and related entities (the “Defendants”); and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and counsel representing participating local governments developed a unified plan for the allocation and use of settlement proceeds derived from the Opioid Litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Memorandum of Understanding (the “Florida Plan”) establishes a framework for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds among the State and participating political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County (the “Board”) approved participation in the Florida Plan and authorized the County Administrator to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, as various Defendants enter into settlement agreements in the Opioid Litigation, settlement proceeds become available to participating entities, including counties, conditioned upon execution of participation and release forms for each settlement; and

WHEREAS, failure to participate in such settlements may reduce the total funds available for allocation to the State of Florida and its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the County’s timely participation in current and future opioid-related settlements, the Board finds it appropriate to authorize the County Administrator to execute all necessary participation and release forms and related documents on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that adoption of this Resolution is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of DeSoto County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of DeSoto County, any and all participation and release forms, certifications, and related documents required to participate in any current or future settlements arising out of the Opioid Litigation, including but not limited to the Six Remnant Defendants Combined Participation Form, and any similar or successor documents.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April 2026.

ATTEST: **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Mandy Hines
County Administrator

By: _____
Steve Hickox
Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Valerie Vicente,
County Attorney