



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 21-59

**A RESOLUTION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, KANSAS, TO APPROVE JOINING THE STATEWIDE  
LITIGATION REGARDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC;**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Kansas and its communities have been harmed by the Opioid Epidemic due to the misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kansas, through its Attorney General, and certain Political Subdivisions, through their elected representatives and counsel, that separately have claims or potential claims seek to hold Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damages caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County, its residents and resources have been impacted by the Opioid Epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, 2021 House Bill 2079 contemplates the distribution of settlement funds received from the opioid litigation to non-litigating municipalities and litigating municipalities who have entered into an agreement to waive their claims according to a formula negotiated between the Attorney General, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the moneys in the Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund shall be expended for projects and activities that prevent, reduce, treat, or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction or to reimburse the municipality for previous expenses related to substance abuse mitigation or arising from covered conduct; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Franklin County shall join the Memorandum of Understanding between the Attorney General, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties.

Franklin County shall authorize the signing of an "Agreement to Release and Assign Claims"

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2021.



Ianne Dickinson, Vice Chair  
Franklin County Board of County Commissioners

Received and recorded this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2021.



  
Janet Paddock, County Clerk