

## RESOLUTION

### A RESOLUTION OF THE HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED DIRECT SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST THE SACKLER FAMILY, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY'S COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including the County of Highland, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Highland's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including Highland County, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and Highland County; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause the Sackler family, the owners of the Purdue Pharma family of companies, to pay an aggregate of \$6.5 billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that this pending settlement with the Sackler family shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, opioid manufacturers Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan, and retail pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Kroger;

WHEREAS, the County of Highland's Commonwealth's Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement with the Sackler family and has recommended that the County participate in the settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland County Board of Supervisors, this \_\_\_ day of September, 2025, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against the Sackler family, and directs the Commonwealth's Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against the Sackler family.

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WITNESS the following signatures:

HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Jerri Botkin, County Administrator