

RESOLUTION No. 22-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DORAL TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS SIGNATORY TO THE OPIOID LITIGATION GLOBAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral recognizes that the entire State of Florida has suffered harm as a result from 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) (the “Opioid Litigation”) and the City of Doral is not a litigating participant in that action; 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 Settlement Agreement 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 at a future date; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Florida Plan by a large majority of Florida cities and counties 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 funds available to the State, the City of Doral, and every other Florida city and county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. That the Mayor and the City Council finds that participation in the Florida Plan would be in the best interest of the City 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 city and county receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

Section 2. Approval. That the Mayor and the City Council hereby expresses its support for the Global Settlement Agreements and use of opioid settlement proceeds resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every city and county receive funds for the harm that it has suffered. The Settlement Agreements are incorporated as Exhibit "A."

Section 3. Implementation. That Mayor and the City Council hereby expressly authorized to execute the Settlement Agreements incorporated as Exhibit "A."

Section 4. Execution. That Mayor and the City Council is hereby authorized to execute the any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the Global Settlement Agreements and this Resolution.

Section 5. Distribution. That the City Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption and is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to:

- Florida League of Cities
P.O. Box 1757
Tallahassee, FL 32302
- Attorney General Ashley Moody c/o John M. Guard
The Capitol, PL-01 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Cabral who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Puig-Corve and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes
Councilman Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26 day of October, 2022.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY