RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BOARD OF SUPERVISORS [CITY COUNCIL] APPROVING OF THE COUNTY’S [CITY’S] PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST MCKESSON, CARDINAL HEALTH, AMERISOURCEBERGEN, JANSSEN, AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY [CITY] ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY’S [CITY’S] PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

 WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its cities and counties by adversely impacting, amongst other things, the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its cities and counties 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 Virginia; and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, and Janssen to pay up to $26 billion nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them;

 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Supervisors [City Council], this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, approves of the County’s [City’s] participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, Janssen, and their related corporate entities, and directs the County [City] Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County’s [City’s] participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.