## CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION AND ENTRY OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTRASTATE AGREEMENT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

## **RESOLUTION 2025-17**

At a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, Chippewa County, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, held at the Chippewa County Building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 on August 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance and Jim

Traynor

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Shackleton;

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic, which named, among others, Purdue Pharma L.P. (Purdue) and several members of the Sackler family (Sackler Family Defendants);

AND WHEREAS Purdue has presented a proposed Bankruptcy Plan, and the Sackler Family Defendants have entered into a Governmental Entity & Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement (together, the "Purdue/Sackler Settlement") with the State Attorneys General and a Plaintiff Executive Committee-designated negotiating committee that represents approximately 4,000 local governments that have brought lawsuits similar to Chippewa County's lawsuit;

AND WHEREAS the Purdue/Sackler Settlement will provide significant equitable and monetary relief, including an agreement that (a) the Sackler Family Defendants will pay \$6.5 billion over the next 15 years in exchange for a release of claims against them and (b) the Purdue estate will contribute an amount of approximately \$900 million. The bulk of these payments will be dedicated to funding abatement and prevention strategies associated with the opioids public nuisance;

AND WHEREAS Chippewa County previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, as well as the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, and Walgreens Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits;

AND WHEREAS Chippewa County desires to enter into an allocation method which allocates settlement funds on a 50/50 basis to:

- 1. Participating Local Governments who have elected to participate in the Purdue/Sackler Settlement; and
- 2. the State of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE, Chippewa County authorizes the execution of a Participation Agreement for the Purdue/Sackler Settlement, which is available at <a href="https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/">https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/</a>. A specimen copy of the material terms of the participation agreement is attached as Exhibit A to this resolution.

Chippewa County also authorizes the execution of a new Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement for Allocation of Opioid Settlement Agreements substantially similar to the proposed agreement attached as Exhibit B to this resolution.

Chippewa County also authorizes the Weitz & Luxenberg law firm to vote on Chippewa County's behalf in favor of the Bankruptcy Plan for Purdue.

## Adopted this 14th day of August 2025

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance and Jim Traynor

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

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Jim Martin, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

Steven Woodgate, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

**COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA** 

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Steven Woodgate, County Clerk