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BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
ANDERSON TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

The Board of Township Trustees met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. this 20th day of June, 2024, with the following members present:

R. Dee Stone
Joshua S. Gerth
Lexi Lausten

Mrs. Lausten moved that as to the following resolution, the rule requiring that it be read on two separate days be dispensed with. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon the question, the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Stone yes Mr. Gerth yes Mrs. Lausten yes

Mrs. Lausten introduced the following resolution and moved its passage. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 0718 – 14

**A LIMITED HOME RULE RESOLUTION
REAFFIRMING ACCEPTANCE OF THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO
SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021
NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT
AND THE EXECUTION OF A PARTICIPATION FORM WITH RESPECT TO THE
SETTLEMENT WITH THE KROGER CO., CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF
THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, by virtue of adoption of Resolution No. 03-0918-18, effective October 19, 2003, this Board of Township Trustees adopted a home rule form of government for Anderson Township, County of Hamilton, Ohio (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, this Board deems it to be in the best interest of the Township to authorize participation by the Township, pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding

regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>, in the National Opioid Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") in order to abate and remediate the opioid crisis in the U.S. and in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, certain funds from the national settlement will be divided among the State of Ohio and certain participating political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Township is an urban township formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies (manufacturers) and pharmacies distributing opioids (pharmacies) accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and the State of Ohio has adopted, and this Board hereby reaffirms its acceptance by resolution passed on August 19, 2021 of, the material terms of the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements therein described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, this Board understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and to explore potential effectuation of an earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies and pharmacies distributing opioids in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Settlement Agreement dated March 22, 2024 (the "Kroger Settlement") is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by The Kroger Co. ("Kroger") to resolve governmental claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the proposed Kroger Settlement; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the Kroger Settlement for the benefit of the Township, this Board must authorize the execution and timely delivery of the Settlement Participation Form attached hereto as Exhibit A, which by this reference is incorporated herein, which constitutes the Township's election to participate in the Kroger Settlement and the release of claims against Kroger by the Township stated in the Settlement Participation Form (together, the "Election and Release"); and

WHEREAS, this Board deems it to be in the best interest of the Township to agree to the material terms of the proposed Kroger Settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio ("Board"), as follows:

SECTION 1. This resolution is passed in the exercise of this Board's limited home rule powers under Chapter 504 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 2. This Board hereby approves and accepts, on behalf of the Township, the material terms of the Kroger Settlement, pursuant to the terms of the MOU and as a Participating Subdivision hereby agrees to become a Releasor for all purposes in the Kroger Settlement, pursuant to the terms of the MOU. This Board hereby agrees to the terms of the Kroger Settlement, and the Election and Release, pursuant to the terms of the MOU, including (without limitation) the agreement to use any monies it receives through the Kroger Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.

SECTION 3. This Board hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to execute and deliver in a timely manner, on the Board's behalf, the Township's respective Settlement Participation Form, constituting the Township's Election and Release, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4. Upon majority vote, the Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to Section 504.10 of the Revised Code, and authorizes the passage of this resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 5. If passed by a unanimous vote, pursuant to Section 504.11(B) of the Revised Code, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall be posted for fifteen days in five of the most public places in the Township, as previously determined by this Board, which posting is hereby ordered.

SECTION 6. The preambles hereto are and shall for all purposes be construed to be integral and operative parts of this resolution.

SECTION 7. This Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without implied limitation) Section 121.22 of the Revised Code, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

SECTION 8. This home rule resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Township, and in order for the Township to participate in the Kroger Settlement and to promptly pursue funds for the benefit of the Township to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, this Board's fully executed Settlement Participation Form must be provided to the Ohio Attorney General on or before August 12, 2024.

The roll being called by the Fiscal Officer upon the question of passage of the resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Stone yes Mr. Gerth yes Mrs. Lausten yes

Passed at the regular meeting of the Board of Township Trustees this 20th day of June, 2024.

FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly elected and acting Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a Limited Home Rule Resolution duly passed at a regular interim meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of said Township on the 20th day of June, 2024, together with a true record of the roll call vote thereon, and that said Resolution has been duly entered upon the Journal of said Township.

Dated: July 18, 2024

/s/Brian Johnson

Brian M. Johnson
Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, do hereby certify that in accordance with Section 731.25 of the Revised Code, the attached Resolution was posted in accordance with its terms, beginning on July 18, 2024.

This 18th day of July, 2024

/s/Brian Johnson
Brian M. Johnson
Fiscal Officer

Exhibit A

Settlement Participation Form of The Kroger Co,

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Subdivision Participation and Release Form

Governmental Entity: ANDERSON TOWNSHIP	State: OH
Authorized Signatory:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above (“*Governmental Entity*”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated March 22, 2024 (“*Kroger Settlement*”), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Kroger Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Kroger Settlement, understands that all terms in this Participation and Release Form have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by executing this Participation and Release Form, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Kroger Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall promptly, and in any event no later than 14 days after the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopiodsettlement.com/>.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Kroger Settlement pertaining to Participating Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Kroger Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Kroger Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity’s state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court’s role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Kroger Settlement. The Governmental Entity likewise agrees to arbitrate before the National



Arbitration Panel as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent otherwise provided in, the Kroger Settlement.

7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Kroger Settlement as provided therein.
8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Kroger Settlement, including without limitation all provisions of Section XI (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Kroger Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Kroger Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision as set forth in the Kroger Settlement.
10. In connection with the releases provided for in the Kroger Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Kroger Settlement.



11. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Kroger Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Participation and Release Form is interpreted differently from the Kroger Settlement in any respect, the Kroger Settlement controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Participation and Release Form on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

