

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING OF THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST KROGER AND ITS RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER AND/OR TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE TOWN'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, cities, and towns, including the Town of Vienna, Virginia, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Vienna's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties, cities, and towns, including the Town of Vienna, 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 the Town of Vienna; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause Kroger to pay over a billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement and has recommended that the Town participate in the settlement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Vienna, Virginia Town Council, this 8th day of July, 2024, approves of the Town's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Kroger and its related corporate entities, and directs the Town Manager and/or the Town Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the Town's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against Kroger.

ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2024.

Linda J. Colbert, Mayor

A COPY ATTEST:

Melanie Clark, Deputy Town Clerk