

RESOLUTION REGARDING OPIOID CRISIS

WHEREAS, the United States and the several States, including the State of Georgia, are experiencing, in the words of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, an opioid-induced “public health epidemic”, and;

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2017, the President of the United States declared the opioid crisis to be a “public health emergency”, and;

WHEREAS, 91 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose, with more than 15,000 deaths involving prescription opioids alone in 2015, and;

WHEREAS, data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention demonstrates that 17.7% of Georgia High School students reported taking prescription pain killers without a doctor’s prescription, and;

WHEREAS, from 2014 to 2015 Georgia had a 64% increase in deaths by synthetic opioids (tramadol and fentanyl) and a 37.5% increase in Heroin deaths, and;

WHEREAS, in 2006 opioid drug overdose deaths were 31.5% of all overdose deaths and in 2015 accounted for 68.8% of overdose deaths in Georgia, and;

WHEREAS, governments (including federal, state and local) have born substantial financial and societal burden related to this crisis and epidemic and will incur costs for this nuisance for years to come into the foreseeable future, and;

WHEREAS, certain manufacturers and distributors knowing of the serious risks and adverse outcomes related to the use of their products, including there highly addictive nature, nevertheless did purposefully set out to persuade providers, regulators and patients that their products were safe and effective; and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Gordon County finds and declares that there exist a public nuisance related to such products and that Gordon County shall pursue such legal action as is available against such individuals, manufacturers, distributors and others as are necessary, either by itself or in concert with others, and to the full extent available under the law.

IT IS SO RESOLVED, this \_\_\_ day of January, 2018.

GORDON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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\_\_\_\_\_, Chair  
Board of Commissioners of Gordon County

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners of Gordon County  
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