

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS**

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 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 City Council of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, approves of the 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 City Manager and City Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City’s participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

Adopted this 26th day of October, 2021.

Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk