

**RESOLUTION 03-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY (HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT") TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FLORIDA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND FORMAL AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTING A UNIFIED PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seminole, Florida has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the entire State of Florida has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has filed an action pending in Pasco County, Florida, and a number of Florida Cities and Counties have also filed an action *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation") and the City is not a litigating participant in that action; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Memorandum of Understanding (the "Florida Plan") sets forth sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the Florida Plan will be entered into at a future date; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Florida Plan by a large majority of Florida cities and counties will materially increase the amount of funds to Florida and should improve Florida's relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to participate in the Florida Plan will reduce funds available to the State, City, and every other Florida city and county; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** That this Governmental Unit finds that participation in the Florida Plan would be in the best interest of the Governmental Unit and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every city and county receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

**Section 2.** That this Governmental Unit hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the Florida Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

**Section 3.** That the City Manager is hereby expressly authorized to execute the Florida Plan in substantially the form contained in Exhibit "A."

**Section 4.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the Florida Plan and this Resolution.

**Section 5.** That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

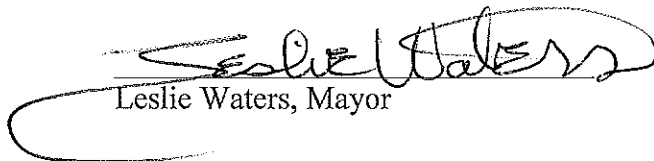
**Section 6.** The clerk of this Governmental Unit is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to:

Florida League of Cities  
PO Box 1757  
Tallahassee, FL 32302

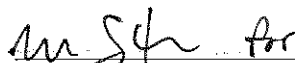
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c/o John M. Guard  
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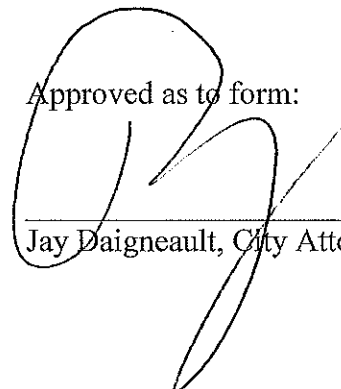
**Section 7.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, THIS 24 day of August, 2021.**

  
Leslie Waters, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ann Marie Mancuso, City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
Jay Daigneault, City Attorney