

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION No. 2023-16

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION

WHEREAS, after years of negotiation, nationwide settlements (the “*Current Settlements*”) with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart have been reached to resolve litigation brought by various states and local political subdivisions against (among others) those parties concerning their parts in causing or perpetuating the national opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the state of Utah elected to join the Current Settlements, and each of Utah’s political subdivisions, including the city of Cottonwood Heights (the “*City*”) must also decide whether to participate in the Current Settlements; and

WHEREAS, the Current Settlements are structured so that the more of Utah’s political subdivisions participate in those settlements, the more of the funds from the Current Settlements will flow to the state; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the Current Settlements and be eligible for possible settlement funds, the City and Utah’s other political subdivisions are required to approve the Current Settlements; and

WHEREAS, the City previously participated in prior related settlements as authorized by Resolution 2021-67 of the City’s city council (the “*Council*”); and

WHEREAS, the Council met on 18 April 2023 to, among other things, consider authorizing the City to approve the Current Settlements; and

WHEREAS, the Council acknowledges that many Utahns, including many City residents, have been devastated by the opioid crisis, and that increasing the funds received by Utah from the Current Settlements will enhance the availability of treatment and other programs to those Utahns who have been affected by opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the City’s residents for the City to approve the Current Settlements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the city of Cottonwood Heights that the Council hereby approves and ratifies the City’s entry into the Current Settlements and authorizes and directs the City’s mayor and other officers to sign any documentation required to be executed and delivered by the City to effect the City’s participation in the Current Settlements.

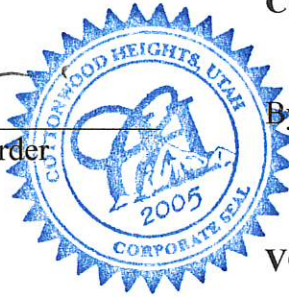
This Resolution, assigned no. 2023-16, shall take effect immediately upon passage.


PASSED AND APPROVED effective 18 April 2023.

ATTEST:

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

By 
Paula Melgar, Recorder



By 
Michael T. Weichers, Mayor

VOTING:

Michael T. Weichers
Douglas Petersen
J. Scott Bracken
Shawn E. Newell
Ellen Birrell

Yea Nay
Yea Nay Absent
Yea Nay
Yea Nay
Yea Nay Abstained

DEPOSITED in the office of the City Recorder this 18th day of April 2023.

RECORDED this 19 day of April 2023.