

**RESOLUTION TO JOIN MULTI-DISTRICT LAWSUIT AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS
AND WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS**

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council has the authority to adopt resolutions with respect to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, pursuant to the City's Charter and N.C.G.S. § 160a-174;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council has the authority to take action to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents and citizens of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the illicit market causes or contributes to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality in Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis unreasonably interferes with rights common to the general public of Greensboro; involves a significant interference with the public health, safety, peace, comfort, and convenience of citizens and residents of Greensboro; includes the delivery of controlled substances in violation of State and Federal law and regulations; and therefore constitutes a public nuisance;

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis is having an extended and far reaching impact of the general public, health, and safety, of residents and citizens of Greensboro and must be abated;

WHEREAS, the violation of any laws of the State of North Carolina, or of the United States of America controlling the distribution of a controlled substance is inimical, harmful, and adverse to the public welfare of the residents and citizens of Greensboro constitutes a public nuisance;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council has the authority to abate, or cause to be abated, any public nuisance including those acts that unreasonably interfere with rights common to the general public of Greensboro and/or involve a significant interference with the public health, safety, peace, comfort, and convenience of citizens and residents of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Greensboro has expended, is expending, and will continue to expend in the future City funds to respond to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality within Greensboro; and

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council has received information that indicates that the manufacturers and wholesale distributors of controlled substances have distributed in Greensboro, North Carolina, and surrounding areas and may have violated Federal and/or State laws and regulations that were enacted to prevent the diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the illicit market.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greensboro that the City Council is declaring the opioid crisis a public nuisance which must be abated for the benefit of Greensboro and its residents and citizens, and that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Attorney to join a multi-district lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors.