Resolution No. 51

A RESOLUTION OF WABAUNSEE COUNTY, KANSAS TO APPROVE THE JOIN THE STATEWIDE LITIGATION REGARDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC;

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Kansas and its communities have been harmed by the Opioid Epidemic due to the misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas, through its Attorney General, and certain Political Subdivisions, through their elected representatives and counsel, that separately have claims or potential claims seek to hold Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damages caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, Wabaunsee County, its residents and resources have been impacted by the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, 2021 House Bill 2079 contemplates the distribution of settlement funds received from the opioid litigation to non-litigating municipalities and litigating municipalities who have entered into an agreement to waive their claims according to a formula negotiated between the Attorney General, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, the moneys in the Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund shall be expended for projects and activities that prevent, reduce, treat, or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction or to reimburse the municipality for previous expenses related to substance abuse mitigation or arising from covered conduct; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WABAUNSEE COUNTY BOARD OF **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

Wabaunsee County shall join the Memorandum of Understanding between the Attorney General, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties.

Wabaunsee County shall authorize the signing of an "Agreement to Release and Assign Claims"

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Wabaunsee County Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 6th day of December, 20 21

Chairman, Board of County Commisioners

Attested: