

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-110**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI 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 RESOLVING THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S OPIOID  
LITIGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami 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 of North Miami is 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 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 of North Miami, and every other Florida city and county; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Participation in Florida Plan.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby find that participation in the Florida Plan would be in the best interest of the City of North Miami 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. Support for Unified Plan.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, 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. Authority to City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to execute the Florida Plan in substantially the form contained in Exhibit "A."

**Section 4. Authority to City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to execute the 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. Instructions to City Clerk.** That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

**Section 6. Direction to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Ordinance/Resolution to the Florida

[Florida League of Cities/Florida Association of Counties]  
Attorney General Ashley Moody  
c/o John M. Guard  
The Capitol,  
PL-01  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

**Section 7.** **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 24th day of August, 2021.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ATTORNEY

Moved by: Estimé-Irvin

Seconded by: Desulme

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime  
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin  
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.  
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.  
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

(Yes)  (No)  
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