



**RESOLUTION R-031-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ALLOCATE THE USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO UNIFIED IN RECOVERY**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County (“Board”) is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, a nationwide settlement was reached to resolve all opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen (“Distributors”) and against manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (collectively, “J&J”). These National Settlements have been finalized, and payments to states and local political subdivisions began in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County has received a portion of the settlement funds from the Settlement Agreements related to the opioid litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to follow guidance provided by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) and establish a framework for allocating and managing these funds for the purpose of addressing the opioid crisis within Walker County; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved purposes and uses of the settlement funds includes the expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services; and

**WHEREAS**, Unified in Recovery, the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit’s recovery community organization is seeking funding through opioid settlement monies to expand their warm hand-off programs and recovery services throughout the circuit; and

**WHEREAS**, Unified in Recovery requests the pro-rata share (38.262%) of said funding from Walker County;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia does hereby allocate \$110,249.27 from the Opioid Settlement Funds toward the Unified in Recovery programs.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

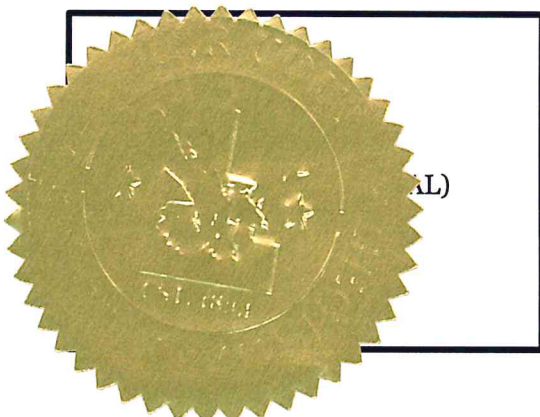
**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**



LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk



ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for approval from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Wilson, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to Approve the Resolution.