

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. **13**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

SERIES OF 2024

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION
FORM FOR KROGER OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS the City of Westminster is participating, along with a great many other cities and counties in Colorado, in a joint litigation against manufacturers and distributors of opioid medications seeking to recover resources to help the City deal with the fallout from the ongoing nationwide opioid crisis, which has been highly destructive to the lives and livelihoods of the citizens of Westminster and has taxed City services, particularly burdening the City's already stressed emergency response and recreation services; and

WHEREAS the City Council has previously approved a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Colorado Attorney General's Office and many of the most important municipal and county stakeholders in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS this MOU set forth a consistent method for governing how any settlement funds from the ongoing opioid litigation are to be distributed and managed among the state, local, and municipal governments to most effectively respond to the ongoing opioid crisis, including several previously approved settlements, and the currently proposed Kroger settlement; and

WHEREAS approving the Kroger settlement in its current form will provide the City with additional and substantial funds which can be used in accordance with the MOU to respond to the opioid crisis and provide desperately needed services to the citizens of the City of Westminster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER:

1. The Kroger Settlement Participation Form, is hereby approved in substantially the same form attached with minor changes as may be approved by the City Attorney, and contingent upon the condition set forth below.

3. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to execute the, Kroger Settlement Participation Form in substantially the same form as attached with minor revisions as may be approved by the City Attorney.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney's Office