

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-10, 2020**  
**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE PURSUIT AND USE OF POTENTIAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (herein “Township”) is a township formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted a One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome; and

**WHEREAS**, any resolution under the MOU will require acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees understands that the purpose of the MOU is to permit collaboration between the State of Ohio and Local Governments to explore and potentially effectuating earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees understands that an additional purpose is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees wishes to agree to the non-binding Memorandum of Understanding,

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO.**

**Section 1.** That the Law Director is authorized to accept the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio.

**Section 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio. The reason for the emergency is to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: Mrs. Hughes

Seconded by: Mr. Kritikos

**VOTE:**

**TRUSTEE**

David Kubicki, President

**Voting**

Yes

**Signature**

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Chris Kritikos, Vice-President

Yes

Ch. Kritikos

Susan Hughes, Trustee

Yes

Susan Hughes

**ATTEST:**

Caroline B. Heekin  
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

Passed, this 3rd day of March 2020