

**RESOLUTION NO. B 21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HAMMOND TO OPT OUT OF  
OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO I.C. 4-6-15-2**

WHEREAS, The City of Hammond, as well as approximately 76 other local Indiana governments and the State of Indiana filed suit and participated in multi-district litigation against the major manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies of opioids and associated prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, this suit was initiated so that Hammond, which has seen hundreds of citizens die and has borne the burden of thousands of fire and police calls as a result of opioid addiction, would be properly represented and heard in the nationwide lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, since that time there have been potential settlements with certain defendants and that Hammond is still through its attorneys actively engaged in pursuing damages; and

WHEREAS, the state of Indiana, through recent legislation passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, has given significant discretion in the settlement of these matters to the Attorney General that could greatly diminish the potential recovery from various responsible parties; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 4-6-15-2 allows municipal entities such as Hammond to opt out of any state settlement and if it desires to do so opt back in within sixty (60) days of the signing of this resolution, if it is the best interest of the City of Hammond to do so; and

WHEREAS, at this time and after due consideration, the Common Council of the City of Hammond has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Hammond to opt out of the opioids settlement under Indiana Code 4-6-15-2 and will weigh its options to opt back in over the

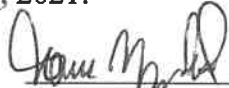
next sixty (60) days.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, that the City of Hammond now exercises its election to opt out of the opioid settlements, and orders that this resolution its duly authorized agent to submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the notice to opt out to the Indiana Attorney General by June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, signing by the President thereof and approval by the Mayor.

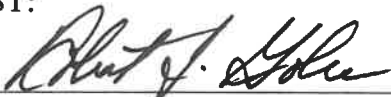
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ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



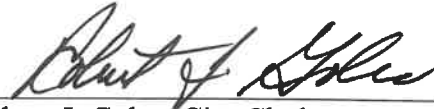
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Dave Worpel, President  
Hammond Common Council

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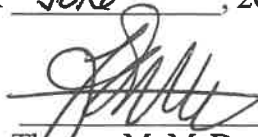
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Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



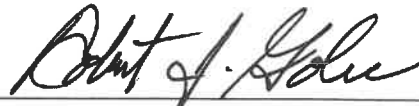
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The foregoing Resolution No. B 21 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



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Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021 and Approved by the Mayor on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



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