

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12-008

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Nick Bright and Jared Anderson

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BLOUNT COUNTY TO
JOIN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND OTHER LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
OPIOID SETTLEMENT REACHED WITH K-VA-T
STORES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities in the United States, the State of Tennessee, and Blount County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Blount County has suffered harm and will continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, on behalf of certain counties and subdivisions have reached a settlement (hereafter “the settlement”) with K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. (d/b/a Food City) relative to the opioid litigation;

WHEREAS, Blount County is one of the counties in the State of Tennessee eligible to participate in said settlement;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through the Office of Attorney General, requested and directed each county of the procedures necessary to participate in the settlement;

WHEREAS, to participate in the settlement it is necessary to fill out a Subdivision Participation and Release Form for Food City Settlement;

WHEREAS, if Blount County does not participate in the settlement by executing the Subdivision Participation and Release Form for Food City Settlement, then the County will forego any claim or rights to proceeds of the settlement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Blount County to receive the settlement proceeds due to the County under the settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, assembled in regular session this 14th day of December, 2023

Section 1. That Blount County finds that participation in the K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. settlement that has been reached by the State of Tennessee through the Attorney General's Office is in the best interest of Blount County and its citizens because such a plan would provide settlement funds to abate and seek to resolve the opioid epidemic.

Section 2. That the Blount County Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute the Subdivision Participation and Release Form for Food City Settlement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3. That the Blount County Mayor is authorized to take such other action as necessary and appropriate to effectuate Blount County's participation in the settlement and these settlements.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective upon adoption, the welfare of Blount County, Tennessee requiring it.

Duly authorized and approved this 14th day of December, 2023.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____
Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date