



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 11/01/17 03:30 PM
Department: County Attorney
Category: Litigation
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SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 7388*

1 **Authorizing Litigation Against Drug Manufacturers for Damages**
2 **Resulting from Abuse of Opioid Pharmaceuticals**

3 WHEREAS, opioid manufacturers, distributors and promoters have been responsible for an opioid
4 epidemic which has harmed the citizens of Tompkins County and financially damaged the County and its
5 taxpayers, and

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7 WHEREAS, opioid manufacturers and others mislead doctors and patients about the addictive nature
8 of opioids, misrepresented the dangers of opioids, and marketed opioids in a manner that promoted
9 addiction, and

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11 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the County should recover damages from those parties that have
12 contributed and continue to contribute to County costs in the form of increased social services, policing,
13 treatment, incarceration and other expenditures, and

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15 WHEREAS, numerous New York Counties are pursuing legal action against opioid manufacturers
16 and others that have promoted the abuse of opioids, now therefore be it

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18 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, that the County
19 Attorney is hereby authorized to commence civil litigation against opioid manufacturers and others who have
20 harmed the County by promoting the abuse of opioids and to retain counsel to represent the County in such
21 litigation.

22 **SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-20