



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

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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 had prior knowledge of the risks of opioids abuse have misled doctors and
4 patients about the addictive nature of opioids, have misrepresented the dangers of opioids, and have marketed opioids
5 in a manner that promoted addiction, and
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7 WHEREAS, opioid manufacturers, distributors, and promoters have been responsible for an opioid epidemic
8 that has harmed the citizens of Tompkins County and financially damaged the County and its taxpayers, and
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10 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the County should recover damages from those parties that have contributed
11 and continue to contribute to County costs in the form of increased social services, policing, treatment, incarceration,
12 and other expenditures, and
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14 WHEREAS, numerous New York Counties are pursuing legal action against opioid manufacturers and others
15 that have promoted the abuse of opioids, now therefore be it
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17 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the County Attorney is
18 hereby authorized to commence civil litigation against opioid manufacturers and others who have harmed the County
19 by promoting the abuse of opioids and to retain counsel to represent the County in such litigation.

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