## A RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT – OPIOID LITIGATION

WHEREAS, Polk County has determined that claims should be made against certain pharmaceutical-related entities for violating the Texas Controlled Substances Act, and other violations of the law in the fraudulent marketing and sales of highly addictive opioid-derived painkillers for purposes that are neither safe nor effective; and

WHEREAS, Polk County engaged the legal services of Altman Legal Group, Haley & Olson, P.C. and Harrison Davis Steakley Morrison Jones, P.C. to commence litigation in relation to the Opioid epidemic in Polk County.

WHEREAS, Polk County has further determined that it is in the best interest of the County and its citizens that the County not "opt out" of the potential Negotiated Class at the advice of their retained counsel and that that the interests of Polk County would be best served by remaining a part of the Negotiated Class.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS THAT, the Commissioners Court makes the following findings and orders:

- 1. That the findings and declarations contained in this Resolution are incorporated herein as part of this Resolution.
- 2. That Polk County, by and through their attorneys of record, remain in the Negotiated Class and NOT "opt out" as that Class is defined by the Negotiation Class of counties and cities certified on September 11, 2019 by the U.S. District for the Northern District of Ohio in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio).

RESOLVED and ORDERED on the 12th day of November, 2019.

Schelana Hock County Clerk