



THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
of the
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
County of Essex
State of New Jersey

Monday, December 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 147 – 21

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**
Seconded by Councilor

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONWIDE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH JOHNSON & JOHNSON, MCKESSON, CARDINAL HEALTH, AND AMERISOURCEBERGEN TO RESOLVE CLAIMS INVOLVING THEIR ROLES IN THE COUNTRY’S OPIOID CRISIS

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2021, Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck announced that New Jersey intends to join nationwide settlement agreements with New Jersey based pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson and the United States’ three largest pharmaceutical distributors – McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen – to resolve claims involving their roles in fomenting the country’s opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, participation in the nationwide settlements will not only hold the companies financially accountable by requiring payments of as much as \$26 billion, the settlements will provide funding to support programs that address the opioid epidemic in New Jersey and across the country, and will require significant changes in the pharmaceutical industry aimed at preventing similar crises in the future; and

WHEREAS, participation by a significant number of states, county and municipal governments nationwide must agree to the proposed terms in order for the settlements to take effect; and

WHEREAS, provided enough states opt to participate in the settlements, their subdivisions (i.e. county and municipal governments) will have through January 2, 2022 to join; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk, to sign any documents necessary in order to join the settlement agreements with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen to resolve claims involving their participation in the opioid crisis without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of The Attorney General and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.