

*County of Brunswick*  
*Office of the County Commissioners*



**RESOLUTION OF THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TO DECLARE AND ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE  
REGARDING THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOIDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners has the authority to define, prohibit, or abate public nuisances and conditions detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of its citizens pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-121; and

**WHEREAS**, the improper diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the community causes or contributes to a serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality in Brunswick County (also referred to hereafter as “the opioid crisis”); and

**WHEREAS**, Brunswick County has one of the highest opioid-related overdose death rates in North Carolina and an opioid prescription rate that is among the highest in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners believes that the manufacturers and wholesale distributors of opioid controlled substances distributed in Brunswick County may have violated Federal and/or State laws and regulations that were enacted to prevent the diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the illicit market; and

**WHEREAS**, the violation of any laws of the State of North Carolina, or of the United States of America controlling the distribution of a controlled substance is inimical, harmful, and adverse to the public welfare of the residents and citizens of Brunswick County and constitutes a public nuisance; and

**WHEREAS**, the opioid crisis is having an extended and far reaching impact on the public, health, and safety, of residents and citizens of Brunswick County and must be abated; and

**WHEREAS**, Brunswick County has expended, is expending, and will continue to expend in the future, County funds to respond to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality within Brunswick County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the opioid crisis to be a public nuisance which must be abated for the benefit of Brunswick County and its residents and citizens, and hereby authorizes the Chair or

County Manager, or their designee, to take all action necessary to abate this public nuisance, including retaining legal counsel to pursue remedies against the parties who have caused or contributed to the public nuisance created by the opioid crisis.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

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Chair  
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Andrea White, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board