

**Declaration of a Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement Release and
Release of Claims Regarding Opioids Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-13-203**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has found, as stated in Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-13-201, that a statewide coordinated resolution of state and local claims against entities involved in activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids, or related activities, is critical to resolving current litigation and other claims regarding the opioid crisis and maximizing the financial commitment of those entities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and certain local governments have entered into a settlement agreement with K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. and its affiliates, subsidiaries and related entities, which include Food City Supermarkets, LLC; and

WHEREAS, under the settlement agreement, a total of \$40 million will be paid to the State and local governments for opioid remediation, with most of the funds paid to the State's Opioid Abatement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the release of pending and future claims of governmental entities against these companies through this declaration will allow the settlement agreement to become effective, resolving pending litigation by the State and certain local governments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-13-203, upon written approval of the Governor and Comptroller of the Treasury, the Attorney General and Reporter has the authority to release any pending or future claim of governmental entities against K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. and affiliates, subsidiaries, and other entities related to these companies that are released in the K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. settlement agreement for activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids, or related activities, if the Attorney General deems the release necessary to the interest of the State in the resolution of the opioid crisis; therefore,

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-13-203, the undersigned Attorney General, with the approval of the Governor and the Comptroller as evidenced by their signatures below, releases any pending or future claim of governmental entities against K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. and affiliates, subsidiaries, and other entities related to these companies that are released in the K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc. settlement agreement for activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids, or related activities; the Attorney General having deemed the release necessary to the interest of the State in the resolution of the opioid crisis.


Jonathan Skrmetti
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Date: October 11, 2023

APPROVED:


Bill Lee
Governor, State of Tennessee


Jason E. Mumpower
Comptroller of the Treasury