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 more than fifty other states and territories have entered into settlement agreements with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, and Johnson & Johnson, and their affiliates, subsidiaries and related entities; and

WHEREAS, more that 150 Tennessee local governments have joined these settlement agreements, including all ninety-five counties and all cities actively litigating against these entities; and

WHEREAS, the release of pending and future claims of governmental entities against these companies will maximize and protect the payments to be made to the State and its local governments pursuant to the settlement agreements; 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 McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, and Johnson & Johnson, and affiliates, subsidiaries, and other entities related to these companies that are released in the McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, and Johnson & Johnson settlement agreements 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 McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, and Johnson & Johnson, and affiliates, subsidiaries, and other entities related to these companies that are released in the McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, and Johnson & Johnson settlement agreements 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.

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Herbert H. Slatery III
Attorney General and Reporter

Date: March 23, 2022

APPROVED:

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Bill Lee
Governor, State of Tennessee

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Jason E. Mumpower
Comptroller of the Treasury