

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 9149**

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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Brent Trout authorizing the initiation of
4 litigation against the manufacturers of prescription opiates and
5 those in the chain of distribution
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7 WHEREAS, addiction to opioids has affected the City of Topeka by virtue of the
8 need to expend public safety resources to address emergency calls for medical services
9 and to address criminal activity related to opioid addiction; and

10 WHEREAS, the impact of opioid addiction has adversely affected the quality of
11 life in the city; and

12 WHEREAS, many local governments both nationally and locally, including the
13 City of Wichita and Shawnee County, are or will become participants in multi-district
14 litigation against opioid manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies alleging damages
15 caused by the activities of the defendants.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY that the
17 City Manager is directed to engage a qualified law firm(s) to represent the City on a
18 contingent fee basis to pursue civil remedies against the manufacturers of prescription
19 opiates and those in the chain of distribution responsible for expenses incurred by the
20 City in responding to opioid abuse.

21 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on October 8, 2019..

22 CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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25 Michelle De La Isla, Mayor
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27 ATTEST:

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29 Brenda Younger, City Clerk
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