

DECLARATION OF FINDINGS PURSUANT TO NRS 228.1111(1)(a)

JANUARY 24, 2019

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is currently combating an opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, numerous states, cities, counties, and municipalities throughout the United States have commenced litigation against potentially culpable defendants alleging various theories and causes of action including, but not limited to, unlawful and deceptive practices in the marketing of prescription opioids, and such litigation has been commenced with the assistance of contingency fee counsel, in many instances; and

WHEREAS, a review of the active litigation by these states, cities, counties, and municipalities reveals that said litigation will likely entail numerous complex factual and legal issues and will likely require the expenditure of substantial resources; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive and effective litigation of matters related to the opioid epidemic requires either additional legal resources, beyond those now maintained by the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, or the diversion of existing legal resources from current essential assignments, which is untenable.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 228.1111(1)(a), I do hereby determine that entering into a contingent fee contract with outside counsel for litigating matters related to the opioid epidemic, as the Attorney General deems appropriate, is necessary, cost-effective, and in the public interest, for the reasons cited above.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 23rd Day of January, in the year two thousand nineteen.

Governor Steve Sisolak

Attorney General Aaron Ford