

# LATE-FILED

REFERRED TO:

FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -19

AUTHORIZE TIOGA COUNTY TO OPT OUT  
OF NEGOTIATION CLASS IN NATIONAL  
PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

WHEREAS: There is pending litigation concerning the Opiate crisis in various Courts throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has joined other New York State Municipalities in pursuing coordinated Opiate litigation in New York State Courts; and

WHEREAS: Judge Polster of the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio has preliminarily approved a request to certify a negotiating class in the Multidistrict Litigation setting forth a framework to assist the Court and the parties to achieve a national resolution of the National opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS: The coordinated litigation in Suffolk County, New York will be the next county case to be tried and Tioga County is already in a unique situation to negotiate as a member of that group; and

WHEREAS: To opt out of the Federal Negotiating class, an Exclusion Request Form needs to be signed on behalf of Tioga County and submitted to counsel prior to November 22, 2019; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chairwoman of the Legislature is authorized to execute an Exclusion Request Form to opt out of the Negotiation Class.