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$1.6 Billion Global Agreement with Opioid Mannufacturer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today announced that Florida is part of a nationwide settlement framework that would resolve the state's claims with the largest manufacturer of generic opioid drugs in the United States. Florida joined the framework with Mallinckrodt and its subsidiaries. Mallinckrodt agrees to pay at least $1.6 billion in cash to a trust. Additionally, the company agrees that its future business will be subject to injunctive relief that precludes marketing of opioids and prevents diversion.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "The opioid crisis is claiming 15 lives each day here in Florida. These opioid pill manufacturers deceived the public in their marketing of these highly addictive, sometimes lethal, drugs, and I am working hard every day to hold them accountable. This agreement is a step in the right direction towards providing relief for victims and protecting Floridians from this deadly epidemic."

Fighting the opioid epidemic is a major priority for Attorney General Moody, who serves as Chair on the Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse. The Task Force's February meeting occurred earlier this week in Bradenton and focused on prevention methods and strategies. The Task Force is charged with developing a statewide strategy to identify best practices to combat the opioid epidemic through education, law enforcement efforts, prevention, recovery and treatment. To learn more, click here.

Last year, Attorney General Moody launched a new statewide resource to help Floridians join in the fight to end the opioid crisis. DoseofRealityFL.com is a one-stop shop for information about opioid addiction and resources for businesses, caregivers, educators, medical professionals, parents, seniors, service members, students, veterans and others.