

**RESOLUTION NO.: 98 -125**

WHEREAS, in the course of providing our employees and their dependents with health care coverage, situations arise in which Pinellas County has a right of subrogation or reimbursement against recovery that these individuals may be receiving from third-party payors pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 768.76; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County has the power, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 125.01(1)(b), to provide the prosecution and defense of Pinellas County's legal causes; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Department oversees the provision of health benefits to our employees; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners funds the health care plans pursuant to which our employees and their dependents obtain health care and wishes to maximize the value of the money it spends for these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Director of Personnel or the Employee Benefits Manager or the designee, in conjunction with the County Attorney, shall be vested with the authority to prosecute, defend and settle claims by the County to enforce our subrogation or reimbursement rights pursuant to Florida Statutes as follows:

1. Compromise, release and settle claims which could potentially be brought by the County through litigation, or compromise and settle potential claims up to the amount of \$25,000.00.

2. Sign and execute releases and other documents, which are approved as to form by the Office of County Attorney, necessary to carry out this duty.

Commissioner Parks offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Seibert and the vote was:

Ayes: Todd, Seibert, Parks, Stewart and Harris.

Nays: None.

Absent and not Voting: None.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM  
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

By Christa Sanger  
Attorney