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Attorney General Griffin Marks Milestone of Construction on National Center for Opioid Research and Clinical Effectiveness

*Griffin: 'Today marks a significant step in
bringing this premier research center to Arkansas'*

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after attending a topping-out ceremony for the National Center for Opioid Research and Clinical Effectiveness (NCOR) at Arkansas Children’s Hospital in Little Rock:

“Today marks a significant step in bringing this premier research center to Arkansas. I am beyond excited about the progress on the physical structure and the team that Arkansas Children’s is building to lead and staff NCOR.

“As I have said since I first announced the opioid settlement grant that is funding the majority of NCOR, this center will serve not only to provide critical insights into the impact of opioids on unborn babies, newborns, and developing children, but it will also raise Arkansas’s profile as a national leader in health care research.”

Arkansas Children’s CEO Marcy Doderer added this statement:

“The opioid crisis has profoundly impacted Arkansas families, a reality we witness daily across our NICU, clinics, and ER. By establishing this center, we are boldly advancing a healthier

future for children across our region and nation. The brilliant capacity of our dedicated team, both current and future, will deliver a better today and healthier tomorrow for every child affected by this crisis.”

About Attorney General Tim Griffin

Tim Griffin was sworn in as the 57th Attorney General of Arkansas on January 10, 2023, having previously served as the state’s 20th Lieutenant Governor from 2015-2023. From 2011-2015, Griffin served as the 24th representative of Arkansas’s Second Congressional District, where he served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Committee on Ethics and House Committee on the Judiciary while also serving as a Deputy Whip for the Majority.

Griffin is currently an officer in the Arkansas Army National Guard and holds the rank of colonel. Griffin served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps for more than 28 years. In 2005, Griffin was mobilized to active duty as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Mosul, Iraq.

His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and as a Senior Legislative Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon. Griffin earned a master’s degree in strategic studies as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Griffin also served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs for President George W. Bush; Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Arkansas; Senior Investigative Counsel, Government Reform and Oversight Committee, U.S. House of Representatives; and Associate Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel David M. Barrett, In re: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Griffin is a graduate of Magnolia High School, Hendrix College in Conway, and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. He attended graduate school at Oxford University. He is admitted to practice law in Arkansas (active) and Louisiana (inactive). Griffin lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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