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RESOLUTION 2022-<u>57</u> APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULES FOR CANNABIS CONSUMPTION AREAS

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("the Commission"), established pursuant to P.L. 2019, c.153, known and cited as the "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," is charged with implementing the provisions of that Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act"; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has a stated mission to apply the values of public safety and equity in establishing and regulating a responsible medicinal and personal-use cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(l)(a) requires the Commission to adopt initial rules and regulations which are necessary and proper to enable the Commission to carry out its duties, functions, and powers with respect to overseeing the development, regulation, and enforcement of activities associated with the personal use of cannabis pursuant to P.L.2021, c. 16; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(b), the Commission adopted the Personal Use Cannabis Rules at N.J.A.C. 17:30 on August 19, 2021, by filing with the Office of Administrative Law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21 and -42 provide that a medical cannabis dispensary or a cannabis retailer may, after receiving an endorsement from the Commission and the municipality, operate a cannabis consumption area where a person may consume cannabis items obtained from the retailer or brought by the person to the consumption area; and

WHERAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21 provides that applications for an endorsement shall be made to the Commission in a form and manner prescribed by the Commission; and

WHERAS, the Commission finds that additional regulations are necessary to define the requirements and qualifications to operate a cannabis consumption area, as well as to protect the health and safety of medicinal cannabis patients, consumers, employees of the medical cannabis dispensary or cannabis retailer, and the general public;

WHEREAS, the Commission is proposing to add rules on cannabis consumption areas, consistent with N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the attached notice of proposed rules on cannabis consumption areas is hereby approved for filing with the Office of Administrative Law.

Submitted by:

Dianna Houenou, Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 2^{nd} day of December, 2022.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker			X			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso		X	X			
Commissioner Delgado			X			
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash	X		X			