

DIANNA HOUENOU, Chair SAMUEL DELGADO, Vice Chair KRISTA NASH, Commissioner MARIA DEL CID-KOSSO, Commissioner CHARLES BARKER, Commissioner JEFF BROWN, Executive Director

## RESOLUTION 2023-<u>71</u> APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF READOPTION OF SPECIALLY ADOPTED RULES WITH AMENDMENTS AND NEW RULES

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, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(l)(b), the initial rules and regulations shall be in effect for a period of not more than one year after the date of filing with the Office of Administrative Law; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the initial rules and regulations, the Commission is required to adopt, amend, or re-adopt these and any subsequent rules and regulations in accordance with the requirements of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission's initial rules and regulations were set to expire on August 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022, the Commission filed its notice of proposed readoption of specially adopted rules with amendments and new rules with the Office of Administrative Law,

PHILLIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER *Lt. Governor*  which was published in the New Jersey Register on August 1, 2022, at 54 N.J.R. 1470(a); and

WHEREAS, because the Commission filed the notice of proposed readoption and new rules with the Office of Administrative Law prior to August 19, 2022, the expiration date of the initial rules and regulations was extended 180 days to February 15, 2023, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1(c)(2); and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission received timely comments from 1,152 public commenters on the proposed readoption and new rules during the 60-day public comment period, which ended on September 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C 1:30-6.1, the Commission prepared its notice of readoption, which includes a summary of the public comments received and its reasons for either amending or not amending the proposed readoption and new rules in response to the public comments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the attached notice of readoption of specially adopted rules with amendments and new rules 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

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