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RESOLUTION 2023-<u>180</u> APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE LOCATION: ASCEND NEW JERSEY, LLC

WHEREAS, P.L.2019, c.153, "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," ("the Honig Act") authorizes a process for the receipt of applications and issuance of permits to operate Alternative Treatment Centers ("ATCs") in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, P.L.2021, c.16, New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act ("the CREAMM Act") authorizes a process for the receipt of applications and issuances of licenses to operate adult-use cannabis businesses in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the authority to regulate and enforce activities related to medicinal cannabis and personal-use cannabis is vested in the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("the Commission") pursuant to the Honig Act and the CREAMM Act; and

WHEREAS, the regulations for medicinal cannabis provide a process at N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.8 for amendments to an Alternative Treatment Center permit, including changes of the ATC's location; and

WHEREAS, the regulations for personal-use cannabis provide a process at N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.2 for changes to a cannabis license, including changes of location; and

WHEREAS, the entity listed below has followed the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.8 and N.J.A.C. 17:30-9.2, for the amendment to its medicinal cannabis permit and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license; and

WHEREAS, the entity listed below has provided a resolution of support from the Wharton Borough Council for the medicinal and adult-use dispensing of cannabis demonstrating local support and land use approval, and has provided evidence of site control through a lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, approval of this entity's application to amend its dispensary permit and license and change its location to a new location in a municipality that has authorized medicinal and personal-use cannabis is beneficial to the medicinal patient population and adult-use cannabis consumers near the new location;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.8, N.J.A.C. and 17:30-9.2, the following Expanded Alternative Treatment Center is **APPROVED** to change its dispensary location as proposed in its submission to the Commission, pending payment of the requisite fees for the amendment to its medicinal cannabis permit and Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.10 and N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.17:

Applicant Name	Initial Location	Approved New Location		
Ascend New Jersey, LLC	395 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey 07042	325 NJ-215 North, Wharton, New Jersey 07885		

Amendments to the medical permit and adult-use cannabis license shall not be executed until Ascend New Jersey, LLC passes a final onsite assessment of the Wharton facility. Ascend New Jersey, LLC shall not conduct any medical or adult-use cannabis dispensing activities at the Wharton facility until it receives an amended medical permit or adult-use cannabis license authorizing it to commence such activities.

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 7th day of December 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			
Vice Chair Delgado	X		Х			
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash		Х	X			