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RESOLUTION 2025-<u>08-07-17</u> DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO EXTEND LICENSE AND PERMIT EXPIRATION DEADLINES

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," ("Honig Act") is charged with implementing the provisions of the Honig Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act" ("CREAMM Act"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 24:6I-24(b)(1), the Commission shall consist of five members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-24(b)(8), "a majority of the total authorized membership of the [C]ommission shall be required to exercise its powers at any meeting thereof"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-24(e) and the Commission's Bylaws, the Commission may designate its powers and authority as it deems necessary and appropriate to carry out its duties and implement the provisions of the Honig Act and the CREAMM Act; and

WHEREAS, the Honig Act authorizes a process for receipt of applications and issuance of permits to operate Alternative Treatment Centers ("ATCs") in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the regulations for medicinal cannabis provide a process at N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.6 and N.J.A.C. 17:30A-7.7 for renewals of ATC permits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) of the CREAMM Act, the Commission shall adopt rules and regulations, which include "[p]rocedures for the application, issuance, denial, renewal, suspension, and revocation of a license or conditional license to operate as a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service"; and

WHEREAS, the regulations for personal-use cannabis provide a process at N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.16 for renewal of a cannabis license; and

WHEREAS, in the event that any member is unable to vote on a license or permit renewal application due to absence, recusal, or other reason and the Commission does not have a sufficient

number of members to exercise its powers as required by N.J.S.A. 24:6I-24(b)(8) to rule on the application, that application is unable to be resolved, which may result in the lapse or expiration of a license or permit due to no fault of the regulated entity; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that it is necessary to establish a mechanism that avoids the lapse or expiration of a personal-use cannabis license or medical cannabis permit in the event the Commission does not have a sufficient number of members to exercise its powers on a license or permit renewal application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that, in circumstances when the Commission does not have a sufficient number of members to take action on the renewal of an annual license or permit, the Executive Director, or his designee, shall have the authority to decide whether to issue a 90-day administrative extension of said license's or permit's expiration date.

The Executive Director, or his designee, shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Commission's Board of any decisions made pursuant to the authority(ies) delegated by this Resolution and provide the Board with any materials relied upon for decision-making.

The authorities delegated herein shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Commission.

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 August 2025.

Dave Tuason, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Chairwoman Houenou	X		X			
Vice Chair Nash		X	X			
Commissioner Mapp			X			