RESOLUTION 2021-13

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION TO USE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:61-24(c)(1), the Commission has established a plan of organization under the direct supervision of a full-time Executive Director for the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:61-24(e), the Commission may designate its powers and authority as it deems necessary and appropriate to carry out its duties and implement the provisions of N.J.S.A. 24:61-1 et al. and N.J.S.A. 24:61-31 et al.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:61-24(c)(3), the Commission may incur additional expenses within the limits of funds available to it in order to carry out its duties, functions, and powers under N.J.S.A. 24:61-1 et al. and N.J.S.A. 24:61-31 et al.; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that it is in the public interest to streamline Commission business and create greater operational efficiency, and to facilitate certain purchases by delegating authority to review and approve certain expenditures to the Executive Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that spending authority is delegated to the Executive Director of the Commission, or his designee, on the following terms:

1. The Executive Director is authorized to arrange for work, equipment, goods, materials, supplies, and services (also herein referenced as “goods and services”) where the value of such expenditure does not exceed $250,000. To the extent reasonably practicable, the Executive Director shall notify the Commission of any such expenditure before initiating the expenditure.

2. All contracts for goods and services, or those contracts which require competitive proposals and the solicitation of bids, must be approved by the Commission, unless said contract is available through the Division of Purchase and Property’s State Contract list, and does not exceed the $250,000 limit.

3. The Executive Director (or his designee) must put out for bid or receive a Waiver for Advertisement (Department of Treasury Circular No.18-14-DPP),
every contract exceeding the limits designated for Delegated Purchase Authority in Department of Treasury Circular No. 21-02-DPP. Any purchases valued up to the limit for Designated Purchase Authority in Department of Treasury Circular No. 21-02-DPP may be executed by the Executive Director (or his designee) without prior approval of the Commission. To the extent reasonably practicable, the Executive Director shall notify the Commission of any such purchases before initiating the purchase.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, when any emergency requires the immediate execution of a contract for work or services, or any immediate purchases of materials, equipment, supplies, services or construction items, the Executive Director is authorized to execute any contracts or make purchases necessary to respond to the existing emergency, provided that the Executive Director must make a written finding that an emergency exists.

At the first regular Commission meeting following the written finding of the existence of an emergency, the Executive Director must request Commission ratification of the finding of the emergency and of any purchases or contracts awarded and/or executed pursuant to that finding if the amount exceeds $100,000.

5. The Executive Director shall ensure that the Commission complies with state law and regulations specific to the purchases and expenditures incurred under this Resolution.

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 14th day of September, 2021.

Erin, Executive Assistant

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