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RESOLUTION 2022-<u>62</u> EXTENSION OF TWELVE-MONTH REQUIREMENT FOR 2019 RFA DISPENSARY AWARDEES TO BECOME FULLY PERMITTED

WHEREAS, P.L.2019, c.153, "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," ("the 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 authority to regulate and enforce activities related to medical cannabis previously was vested in the New Jersey Department of Health ("the Department"), and now vests in the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("the Commission") pursuant to P.L. 2019, c.153; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2019, the Department posted a Request for Applications ("RFA" or "2019 RFA") for select entities to operate ATCs; and

WHEREAS, Final Agency Decisions were issued to each applicant for a dispensary permit pursuant to the 2019 RFA on December 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Final Agency Decisions provide that all awards are strictly for the cultivation, manufacturing, and/or dispensing of medicinal cannabis pursuant to P.L. 2009, c.307 and N.J.A.C. 8:64 (now N.J.A.C. 17:30A) and require awardees for a dispensary endorsement to be fully permitted within 12 months from the date of the award; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined, following extensive review of the extension requests submitted by 2019 RFA dispensary awardees, that it is in the best interest of the patient population to have greater access points to their medicine across the state, and that granting the 2019 RFA Dispensary Awardees an additional six (6) months to be fully permitted is warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission that the Final Agency Decisions issued to the 2019 RFA awardees on December 7, 2021, are hereby **AMENDED** to require awardees for a dispensary endorsement to be fully permitted **within 18 months** from the date of the award. Awardees shall remain subject to all other terms and conditions of their Final Agency Decisions, including the requirement to demonstrate to the Commission that it has satisfied all commitments enunciated in their 2019 RFA application and that it has satisfied all expansion requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-46(a) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.1.

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 2nd day of December, 2022.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

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