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RESOLUTION 2024-<u>284</u> APPROVAL TO AWARD INDEPENDENT STUDY OF COMMISSION ACTIVITIES TO <u>NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (NJIT)</u>, A PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-24(f), the Commission is required to contract with a public research university to conduct an independent study public research university to conduct an independent study to review:

- (1) the Commission's organization;
- (2) the Commission's regulation and enforcement activities;
- (3) the overall effectiveness of the Commission as a full-time entity; and
- (4) whether the regulation and oversight of medical cannabis or personal use cannabis could be more effectively and efficiently managed through a reorganization of the Commission, consolidation of the Commission within the Department of Health or another Executive Branch department, conversion to a part-time Commission, or the transfer of some or all of the Commission's operations elsewhere within the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-24(f) requires the Commission to submit the findings of the independent study, along with the Commission's recommendations for appropriate executive, administrative, or legislative action, to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L. 1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Audit Committee ("Committee") solicited proposals to conduct the study from eligible public research universities, through a Request for Information ("RFI"); and

WHEREAS, the Committee received proposals from three (3) public research universities by the submission deadline of June 7, 2024, at 12 PM ET; and

WHEREAS, the Committee conducted a thorough review of the proposals and evaluated the proposals base on the qualifications and experience of the personnel who would be assigned to the project; the university's experience in completing similar projects; the proposal's ability to meet the needs of the study in accordance with the RFI; and pricing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that the Commission contract with New Jersey

Institute of Technology to complete the requested study;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission that the Committee's recommendation to contract with the <u>New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)</u> to conduct the independent study is hereby **APPROVED.** The Commission's Audit Committee shall execute any agreements necessary to effectuate this approval.

This Resolution 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 17th day of October 2024.

Dave Tuason, Chief Counsel

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