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## RESOLUTION 2024-311 REGULATION WAIVER REQUESTS – DOCKET NUMBER WR001

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7(a), the Commission, in accordance with the general purposes and intent of the Act and regulations, may waive a regulatory requirement regarding the operations of a cannabis business, to the extent such waiver does not conflict with any other State law, if in the Commission's determination, such a waiver: (1) is necessary to achieve the purpose of the Act; (2) is necessary to provide access to cannabis items to consumers; and (3) does not create a danger to the public health, safety, or welfare; and

WHEREAS, under Docket Number WR001, New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association ("NJCTA") requests that the Commission consider removing the mandate that expanded alternative treatment centers ("ATCs") provide registered patients and designated caregivers with both expedited access to dispensaries and patient-only operating hours, and instead require expanded ATCs to choose whether to provide one or the other; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed NJCTA's request and determined that a waiver of the patient-only hours requirement is necessary to achieve the purposes of the Act, is necessary to provide consumers access to cannabis items, and would not create a danger to public health, safety, or welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined to grant NJCTA's request to eliminate patient-only hours at expanded ATCs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the above waiver request, under docket number WR001, is approved with respect to patient-only operating hours. Expanded ATCs shall remain subject to all other terms and conditions of licensure, including the requirements to provide express patient and designated caregiver access and designate point-of-sale terminals that will be available for use at all times exclusively for patient and designated caregiver transactions. The waiver of the patient-only hours requirement shall apply to all previously issued Final Agency Decisions (FADs) to expanded

ATCs, and all previously issued FADs to expanded ATCs shall hereby be deemed amended to remove the requirement for patient-only operating hours.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 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			
Commissioner Delgado			X			
Chairwoman Houenou	X		X			
Commissioner Nash			X			