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## RESOLUTION 2025-<u>09-10-03</u> CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CANNABIS CONSUMPTION AREA ENDORSEMENT

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"; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21 and -42 provide that a medical cannabis dispensary or a cannabis retailer may, after receiving an endorsement from the Commission and the municipality, operate a cannabis consumption area where a person may consume cannabis items obtained from the retailer or brought by the person to the consumption area; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21 provides that applications for an endorsement shall be made to the Commission in a form and manner prescribed by the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2024, the Commission adopted and approved additional regulations to define the requirements and qualifications to operate a cannabis consumption area, as well as to protect the health and safety of medicinal cannabis patients, consumers, employees of the medical cannabis dispensary or cannabis retailer, and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-7(f), and N.J.S.A. 24:6I-42(g)(1) establish the process for a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer or a medicinal cannabis dispensary to operate a cannabis consumption area; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-7f., N.J.S.A. 24:6I-42(g)(1), and the Notice of Application Addendum, the Class 5 Cannabis Retailer or medicinal cannabis dispensary may operate only one (1) cannabis consumption area, regardless of the number of Class 5 cannabis retailer licenses or medicinal cannabis dispensary permits the entity holds; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2024, the Commission approved an addendum to the Notice of Application Acceptance ("Notice of Application Addendum") to serve as public notice and provide guidance to Class 5 Cannabis Retailers and medicinal cannabis dispensaries on the process and procedures

for applying for a cannabis consumption area endorsement; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for consideration for a cannabis consumption area endorsement, the application must:

- 1) Be deemed complete and responsive to the full application requirements required by N.J.A.C. 17:30 and the Notice of Application Addendum;
- 2) Have received a score required for approval of a cannabis consumption area endorsement;
- 3) Meet the qualification requirements as outlined in the relevant sections of N.J.A.C. 17:30; and
- 4) Be submitted with all required fees; and

WHEREAS, for any applications deemed incomplete in any respect, the application was sent back to the applicant with direction on how to appropriately cure any deficiencies in the application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Class 5 Cannabis Retailers or medicinal cannabis dispensaries listed below have submitted applications to operate a dispensary with a cannabis consumption endorsement, have cured their application as necessary, have passed review by Commission staff, and are recommended by Commission staff for approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21, N.J.A.C. 17:30, and the Notice of Application Addendum, the following cannabis retailers or medicinal cannabis dispensaries have satisfied the requirements set forth in regulation, and the Commission has determined to approve the endorsement of a cannabis consumption area:

No.	App ID	Applicant Business Name	Associated Retailer License or Medicinal Permit Number	
1	26739	Everest Dispensary LLC	RE000897	
2	25693	Molly Ann Farms LLC	RE000173	

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

Dave Tuason, Chief Counsel

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