

**Resolution Authorizing the Operation
of Medical Cannabis Dispensing Sites
within Unincorporated Areas of Houston County**

WHEREAS, during the 2021 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature, Act 2021-450 was enacted and codified in Title 20, Chapter 2A, Code of Alabama 1975, to create within Alabama a wholly intrastate system for the cultivation, processing, and distribution of medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Act 2021-450 defines a "dispensary" as an entity licensed by the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission to dispense and sell medical cannabis at dispensing sites to registered, qualified patients and registered caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Act 2021-450 defines an "integrated facility" as an entity licensed to perform the functions of a cultivator, processor, secure transporter, and dispensary; and

WHEREAS, Act 2021-450 defines a "dispensing site" as a site operated by a dispensary licensee or an integrated facility licensee; and

WHEREAS, Act 2021-450 states that a dispensary licensee or integrated facility licensee may not operate a dispensing site in an unincorporated area of a county unless the county commission has authorized, by resolution, the operation of dispensing sites within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Houston County contains hospitals, doctors' offices, clinics, medical facilities, assisted living facilities and hospice programs that treat cancer patients and other patients with qualifying medical conditions as identified in Act 2021-450 who, in the registered certifying physician's professional opinion, is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the use of medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the Houston County Commission believes it is in the public's interest to authorize the operation of dispensing sites within the unincorporated areas of the county;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION that it does hereby authorize the operation of medical cannabis dispensing sites by dispensary licensees and integrated facility licensees within the unincorporated areas of the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission within seven calendar days of this resolution being adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Houston County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on this the 12th day of Sept., 2022


Chairman, Houston County Commission

