MERCER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-5

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFER

ENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly adopted House Bill 829, signed into law by the Governor on April 17, 2024 amending KRS Chp. 218B, the Kentucky Medical Cannabis chapter; and

WHEREAS, KRS §218B.130 authorizes local governments to pass resolutions directing that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within its territory be submitted to the voters of its territory at the next regular election; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mercer wishes to utilize the authority granted to it by KRS §218B.130 to direct that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within the County of Mercer be submitted to the voters of the County of Mercer at the next regular election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the fiscal court of county of Mercer, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1

Definitions

The definitions within KRS §218B.010 are hereby adopted as if set out herein and as relevant to this resolution.

Section 2

Cannabis Business Referendum Authorized

Pursuant to KRS §218B.130(2)(a)(2) and KRS §218B.130(3)(b), the Mercer County Fiscal Court hereby resolves that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within the County of Mercer be submitted to the voters of the County of Mercer at the next regular election in accordance with the language in KRS §218B.130(3)(b).

Section 3

Effective Date