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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT
OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF
THE WEST VIRGINIA TREASURER'S OFFICE**

The West Virginia Treasurer's Office (hereinafter "Treasurer" or "State Treasurer's Office") is seeking outside counsel to assist with legal issues related to West Virginia Code § 12-1-14, "Banking Services for Medical Cannabis." Specifically, potential legal issues involving the United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia, regarding the interplay between state and federal cannabis laws.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist with the legal matters in question, based on the following factors:

- The Treasurer's Office is in immediate need of legal services to be performed in Kanawha County, West Virginia.
- It is not feasible for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services without the assistance of outside counsel at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel in the current legal matter pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.

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Steven A. Travis
Deputy General Counsel

Date Signed: September 20, 2019