



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Public Safety, Health and Operations

Item: A resolution supporting entheogenic plant practices

Date: May 18, 2022

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Ward(s) Affected:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Consider, discuss, and approve a resolution addressing entheogenic plant practices in the City of Missoula.

Recommended Motion(s):

Adopt a resolution addressing entheogenic plant practices in the City of Missoula.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	April 20, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	TBD
Public Hearing (if required):	n/a
Final Consideration	n/a
Deadline:	n/a

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Practices with entheogenic plants and fungi have been considered sacred to human cultures for thousands of years, and the use of entheogenic plants have shown to be beneficial to the health and well-being of individuals and communities in addressing mental disorders and illnesses via scientific and clinical studies. However, in 1970 the federal government criminalized most entheogenic plants and fungi in the United States.

The criminalization of entheogenic plants and fungi has disproportionately harmed vulnerable populations. The criminalization has increased difficulty for affected Missoulians to have access to affordable, secure housing, stable employment, and non-bias information. The greater weight of the social, cultural, and economic impacts has disproportionately harmed minorities and the disadvantaged.

However, there is a movement across the country with dozens of local and state governments involved to stop further harm from the criminalization of entheogenic plants and fungi. This resolution recommends that we join that movement of reducing harm to humans by declaring that the investigation and arrest of individuals involved solely with the adult use of entheogenic plants be not a funding priority for the City of Missoula

Financial Implications: N/A

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