



CITY OF FERNDALE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ENTHEOGENIC PLANT PRACTICES

Entheogenic Plants, defined herein as the full spectrum of plants, fungi, and natural materials and/or their extracted compounds, limited to those containing the following types of compounds: indoleamines, tryptamines, and phenethylamines; that can benefit psychological and physical wellness, support and enhance religious and spiritual practices, and can reestablish human's inalienable and direct relationship to nature; and

Substance abuse, addiction, recidivism, trauma, post-traumatic stress symptoms, chronic depression, severe anxiety, end-of-life anxiety, grief, cluster headaches, and other debilitating conditions are present in our community; and

The use of Entheogenic Plants, which can catalyze profound experiences of personal and spiritual growth, have been shown by scientific and clinical studies and traditional practices to be beneficial to the health and well-being of individuals and communities in addressing these conditions; and

Practices with Entheogenic Plants have long existed and have been considered to be sacred to human cultures and interrelationships with nature for thousands of years; and

Individuals seeking to improve their health and well-being through the use of Entheogenic Plants fear arrest and prosecution due to current legal prohibitions; and

Entheogenic Plants or combinations of plants such as Ayahuasca contain Dimethyltryptamine (a naturally occurring compound in the human body) that can be beneficial in treating addiction, depression, PTSD, and in catalyzing profound experiences of personal and spiritual growth; and

There are certain cacti that contain mescaline that are threatened in their native habitat, and decriminalization of these cacti, especially for cultivation, is especially critical at this time to ensure they can be readily grown by individuals and organizations as 100+ years of continued criminalization has only led to increased scarcity of these cacti in their native habitat; and

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor and City Council hereby declare that it shall be the policy of the City of Ferndale that the investigation and arrest of persons for planting, cultivating, purchasing, transporting, distributing, engaging in practices with, or possessing Entheogenic Plants or plant compounds which are on the Federal Schedule 1 list shall be the lowest law enforcement priority for the City of Ferndale, and city funds or resources shall be prioritized for other City of Ferndale functions; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution does not authorize or enable any of the following activities: possessing or distributing these materials in schools, consumption or usage by minors, driving under the influence of these materials, public disturbance, or commercial sales or manufacturing of these plants and fungi; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That if any provision of this resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any statute, regulation, or judicial decision, so that its

applicability to any agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this resolution and its applicability to any other agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

I, Dean Lent, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Ferndale at a meeting held on *****, 2023, the original of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my official signature on this ** day of *** 2023.

Dean Lent, City Clerk