



**CITY OF HAZEL PARK RESOLUTION #09-020-22  
SEPTEMBER AS ENTHEOGENIC PLANT  
& FUNGI AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Substance abuse, addiction, recidivism, trauma, post-traumatic stress symptoms, chronic depression, severe anxiety, end-of-life anxiety, grief, and cluster headaches are conditions experienced by individuals across the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, The use of entheogenic plants/fungi has been shown in scientific and clinical studies, as well as traditional practices, to be beneficial to the health and well-being of individuals and communities in addressing these conditions, as well as for reasons of personal and spiritual growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Practices with entheogenic plants/fungi have been considered sacred to some human cultures and human relationships with nature for thousands of years; and

**WHEREAS**, As far back as the 1960s, clinical studies and research in the U.S., Canada, and Europe have shown the safety and efficacy of entheogenic plants/fungi for treating a variety of mental health illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, The Food and Drug Administration granted “Breakthrough Therapy” designation to psilocybin for use in major depressive disorders, while it has also been shown to ease treatment-resistant depression, end-of-life anxiety, and cluster headaches; Ibogaine has been shown to be an effective treatment for opiate addiction, and Ayahuasca studies are currently underway to better understand its ability to address depression and substance dependence; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, the City of Hazel Park adopted Resolution #03-008-22, which made the investigation and arrest of persons planting, cultivating, purchasing, transporting, distributing, engaging in practices with, or possessing entheogenic plants the lowest law enforcement priority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hazel Park does hereby call upon individuals and organizations to commit to increasing awareness and understanding of the potential benefits of entheogens for mental health, personal and spiritual growth, as well as honoring longstanding ancestral practices and relationships with entheogens.

*Resolved this day of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022*