

1 [Supporting SB 1012 to decriminalize certain hallucinogenic substances]
2 Resolution recognizing the therapeutic potential of certain hallucinogenic
3 substances for the treatment of veteran mental health issues and urging the passage
4 of SB 1012.

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6 WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.8 million veterans residing in the State of
7 California, including over 442,000 service-connected disabled veterans, over
8 90,000 100% service-connected disabled veterans, and over 10,000 homeless
9 veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, veterans experience psychological trauma at a greater rate than the
11 rest of the population; and

12 WHEREAS, studies have consistently shown the benefits of psychedelic
13 substances in substantially reducing the symptoms of addiction, anxiety,
14 depression, and post-traumatic stress; and

15 WHEREAS, the efficacy of psychedelic-assisted therapies in the treatment of
16 mental health disorders is so profound that Mount Sinai and the James J. Peters
17 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center established the Center for
18 Psychedelic Psychotherapy and Trauma Research to advance such therapies, and

19 WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins University established its Center for Psychedelic and
20 Consciousness Research for the same purpose, and

1 WHEREAS, both Mount Sinai and Johns Hopkins have consistently replicated
2 studies demonstrating that single administrations of psychedelic substances in
3 combination with therapeutic interventions result in lasting, clinically significant
4 reductions in mental health disorder symptoms, and
5 WHEREAS, existing law categorizes certain drugs and substances as controlled
6 substances, imposing various prohibitions and penalties on their possession,
7 transportation, sale, and ingestion; and
8 WHEREAS, SB 58, which sought to decriminalize personal use and possession of
9 certain psychedelic substances, was passed by the California Legislature but was
10 vetoed for specific, articulated reasons by Governor Newsom; and
11 WHEREAS, SB 1012 seeks to establish an oversight board and licensing regime
12 for persons to facilitate the use of psychedelic substances including psilocybin,
13 psilocyn, dimethyltryptamine (DMT), ibogaine, and mescaline for personal use by
14 persons over 21 years old under the supervision of a licensed psychedelic
15 facilitator; and
16 WHEREAS, SB 1012 addresses and resolves the concerns raised by Governor
17 Newsom about SB 56, therefore, be it
18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission recognizes the
19 need for reform in the area of controlled substances, and acknowledges the
20 potential benefits and therapeutic use of psilocybin, psilocyn, DMT, ibogaine, and

1 mescaline, when used responsibly by adults aged 21 years or older under the
2 supervision of licensed professionals; and, be it further; and, be it
3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the San Francisco Board of
4 Supervisors to adopt a resolution to support SB 1012 to advance public health and
5 well-being by providing a pathway for responsible use and therapeutic exploration
6 of these substances by adults aged 21 years and older; and, be it
7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the California Legislature to
8 pass SB 1012 as it had with SB 58; and, be it
9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges Governor Newsom to sign
10 SB 1012 into law.