

Idaho Federation of Republican Women

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HJR 4

Preserving Legislative Authority For Legalization of Psychoactive Substances in Idaho

"Shall Section 26, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to provide that only the Idaho Legislature shall have power and authority to legalize the growing, producing, manufacturing, transporting, selling, delivering, dispensing, administering, prescribing, distributing, possessing, or using of marijuana, narcotics, or other psychoactive substances?"

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho declares:
"The first concern of all good government is the virtue and sobriety of the people, and the purity of the home. *The legislature should further all wise and well directed efforts for the promotion of temperance and morality*"; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 26 of the Idaho Constitution grants the Idaho Legislature "full power and authority" to regulate intoxicating liquors (which are psychoactive substances); and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 4 (HJR 4) will clarify that the legislative "full power and authority" to legalize psychoactive substance extends to all psychoactive substances; and

WHEREAS, decisions regarding the legalization of psychoactive substances warrant careful consideration through the legislative process, including *public committee hearings, testimony from citizens and experts, review and debate in both houses of the Legislature*, as well as accountability to Idaho voters; and

WHEREAS, the **Idaho Legislature** is responsible for Idaho's controlled-substance laws and must approve any change to the Idaho Controlled Substances Act; and

WHEREAS, HJR 4 will preserve the Legislature's ability to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities concerning temperance, sobriety, public health, and public safety by ensuring that **legalization of psychoactive substances occurs only through legislative action**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Idaho Federation of Republican Women** hereby declares its support for **HJR 4**, the proposed amendment to Article III, Section 26 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho.

ADOPTED by the Idaho Federation of Republican Women this _____ day of _____, 2026.

President

Secretary