RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20373

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOBACCO-FREE POLICY FOR DEVELOPED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES TO PERMIT SMOKING OF NONCOMMERCIAL TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR CEREMONIAL OR SPIRITUAL PURPOSES BY NATIVE AMERICANS

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20147 established a tobacco free policy for developed parks and recreational facilities, and

WHEREAS, many American Indian tribal nations and Indian people use tobacco for ceremonial purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. The tobacco-free policy at developed parks and recreational facilities does not preclude the smoking of noncommercial tobacco products for ceremonial or ritual purposes in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. 1996, or for similar religious ceremonial uses for other cultural groups.

"Noncommercial tobacco products" means unprocessed tobacco plants or tobacco by-products used for ceremonial or spiritual purposes by Native Americans.

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 7th DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.

/S/ JAMES E. SMITH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION