

RESOLUTION R - 17 - 14

A Resolution Supporting a United States Constitutional Amendment

Introduced by Petition for Direct Legislation:

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's decisions in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* and related case law allows unlimited spending to influence local, state, and federal elections; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that "We the People" of the City of Menasha, Wisconsin, call for reclaiming democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country supporting passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings-not corporations, limited liability companies, unions, nonprofit organizations, or similar associations-are endowed with constitutional rights; and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

Passed and approved this day of 2014.

Donald Merkes, Mayor

Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk