

**Proposed resolution regarding First Amendment rights
for people, not corporations**

(by any group, organization, city, county or state legislature)

Whereas: the First Amendment is designed to protect free speech rights of people, not corporations; and

Whereas: for the past three decades, a divided United States Supreme Court has transformed the First Amendment into a powerful tool for corporations seeking to evade and invalidate democratically enacted reforms; and

Whereas: this corporate takeover of the First Amendment has reached its extreme conclusion in the US recent ruling *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission*; and

Whereas: the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. F.E.C.* overturned longstanding precedents prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in our elections; and

Whereas: the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. F.E.C.* will now unleash a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in US history; and

Whereas: the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. F.E.C.* presents a serious and direct threat to our democracy; and

Whereas: the people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and self-government;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That [*name of organization or jurisdiction*] _____ hereby calls upon the U. S. Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the First Amendment and fair elections to the people.