

TOWN OF EXETER

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DENOUNCING AND REQUESTING ACTION TO OVERTURN THE CITIZENS UNITED DECISION

WHEREAS, On January 24, 2010, the United States Supreme Court ruled that local, state, and federal governments cannot regulate corporate financial influence in politics by the precedent-setting 5-4 decision in Citizens United vs. The Federal Election Commission, in which the Court declared that corporations are 'persons' within the meaning of U.S. Constitution and are therefore guaranteed the same rights as natural persons: and,

WHEREAS, concerned citizens and residents of the Town of Exeter, have requested that the Town Board of the Town of Exeter adopt a written directive to representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature and in the U.S. Congress, with copies to the President and Governor, requesting action be taken to overturn that decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Exeter, that the Town respectfully requests our representatives in the United States Congress and in the Wisconsin State Legislature to initiate and support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution which will establish that:

- 1) The rights established by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only, not artificial entities such as corporations, and
- 2) Money is not speech and therefore federal, state, and local governments may regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures of money to influence elections, elected officials or legislation.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town staff shall forward this Resolution to appropriate elected and appointed individuals, and any others as deemed appropriate, to provide maximum notice of the Town's action and request hereby.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Exeter, Green County, Wisconsin ~~at the annual meeting held on the 16th day of April, 2013,~~ ^{at} by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays, 0 abstaining, and 0 not voting (absent).

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BY: Ted Fahey
Ted Fahey, Town Board Chair

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Attest: Candee J. Christen
Candee Christen, Town Clerk