

VILLAGE OF BELLEVILLE
RESOLUTION NO. _____
A RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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 Village of Belleville, have requested that Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Belleville 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 take to overturn that decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Belleville that the Village of Belleville, calls for reclaiming democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate influence, and 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) Only human beings, not corporations, are entitled to constitutional rights, and
- 2) Money is not speech and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

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

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Belleville, Dane and Green County, Wisconsin at a regular meeting held on the June 17, 2013.