

**DOUGLAS COUNTY  
RESOLUTION #59-13  
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS CONLEY, FINN, BAKER, HENDRICKSON,  
ALLEN**

Subject: Constitutional Amendment Supporting Correction to Supreme Court's Citizens  
United Decision

WHEREAS, protections afforded by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution to the people of our nation are fundamental to our democracy, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in our elections, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's decision allows the free speech rights of a corporation to dilute and outweigh the free speech rights of ordinary citizens, because of the vast financial resources corporations have for spending money to influence elections compared with regular people, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's elevation of corporate "rights" may have constitutional repercussions that go far beyond this one case by undermining the ability of the people to regulate corporations in numerous policy areas affecting people's health, wealth, and opportunities, and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people and states of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go against the heart of our democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors calls upon the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification, a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and to ensure constitutional rights and fair elections to the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, this resolution be sent to President Obama, Vice President Biden, U.S. House of Representatives Speaker and minority leader, U.S. Senate majority and minority leaders, Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, Representative Sean Duffy, Governor Walker, Senator Jauch, Representative Milroy, and all Wisconsin Counties.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.