Business Resolution
Supporting a Constitutional Amendment

Whereas, government of, by, and for the people has long been a cherished American value, and;

Whereas, free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance, and;

Whereas, small business owners view the Citizens United decision as bad for small business. In an American Sustainable Business Council poll, 66% of those surveyed said the ruling that gives corporations unlimited spending power in elections is bad for small businesses. Only 9% said it was good for small business, and;

Whereas, small business owners have a negative view of the role money plays in politics. Overall: 88% view the role money plays in politics negatively; 68% view it very negatively, and;

Whereas, corporations are not and never have been human beings or persons, and therefore are rightfully subservient to human beings and governments as our legal creations; and rightly are provided ONLY privileges by the states, and;

Whereas, interpretation of the U.S. Constitution by appointed Supreme Court Justices to include corporations in the term “persons” has long denied We the People’s exercise of self-governance by endowing corporations with Constitutional protections intended by the Framers for ONLY We the People, and;

Whereas, in 1976 in the ruling on Buckley v. Valeo. The untenable decision of the Supreme Court changed the course of American elections and established the doctrine that spending money to influence elections is a form of speech, and;

Whereas, on January 10, 2010, in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission, the Supreme Court overturned a century of precedence by ruling that corporate spending on elections cannot be limited under the First Amendment; now therefore,

Resolved, that I seek to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. I stand with communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights — not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities, and

2. Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Signed: ____________________________________________ (owner / co-owner)

Print Name: __________________________________________

Business: ______________________________________________

Date: __________________________