

TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE

RESOLUTION, SERIES OF TBR-13-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, SUPPORTING WISCONSIN UNITED TO AMEND WHO SEEK PASSAGE OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance; 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 of "person" 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 Supporting a Constitutional Amendment; and

WHEREAS, government of, by, and for the people has long been a cherished American value; 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Supervisors for the Town of Grand Chute, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, support Wisconsin United to Amend who seek to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unlimited political contributions and spending. We 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 speech.

Approved and adopted this 5th day of December, 2023.


Number Voted For 5

Number Voted Against 0

Town of Grand Chute



Jason Van Eperen
Town Chair



Kayla Raatz
Town Clerk