

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2018-391**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
AND CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT RESULTED FROM COURT
DECISIONS SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DECISION
IN *CITIZENS UNITED v. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION*.**

WHEREAS the heart of democracy is the right of human beings to govern themselves, and the United States is the first and foremost democracy since the days of ancient Greece; and

WHEREAS the founding documents of the United States, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, recognize that human beings have certain inalienable rights; and

WHEREAS the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution do not mention or grant any rights to corporations or to any artificial entities other than the United States of America and its constituent States; and

WHEREAS corporations and other artificial entities are not and never have been human beings, and are only entitled to the legal powers and protections that the People grant to them; and

WHEREAS recent judicial decisions, including the United States Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 130 S.Ct. 876, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), have held that corporations and other artificial entities are "persons" under the United States Constitution with a constitutional right to spend as much money as they wish on political speech, thereby greatly expanding the power of corporations and other artificial entities to influence elections and otherwise undermine the power of the People to govern themselves; and

WHEREAS when freedom of speech is equated with freedom to spend money, the free speech of 99 percent of the People is overwhelmed by the messages of the few who are able to spend millions of dollars to influence the political process; and

WHEREAS respected national political polls show that large majorities of the People from all parts of the political spectrum believe that corporations and other artificial entities have too much power in our political system; and

WHEREAS we the People are supreme, and have the power to overrule the Supreme Court through a constitutional amendment; and

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 18th day of December, 2018.

Barbara A. Jones
Municipal Clerk