Resolution to the North Carolina General Assembly from the Village of Forest Hills, NC
Relating to: amending the U.S. Constitution via congressional action to establish that corporations, limited liability companies, labor unions, Political Action Committees (PACs), and other artificial entities, established by law are not entitled to constitutional rights of natural persons and that money is not speech. *In this Resolution, the term artificial entity refers collectively to corporations both for and not for profit, limited liability companies, labor unions, and PACs.*

Whereas, government of, by, and for the people has long been a cherished American value; and the people's fundamental and inalienable right to self−govern, and thereby secure rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness is guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence; and

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

Whereas, These artificial entities are not mentioned in the U.S. Constitution, and the people have never granted constitutional rights to these entities, nor have the people decreed that these entities have authority that exceeds the authority of the people of the United States; and

Whereas, These artificial entities are created for the purpose of facilitating and conducting human affairs inside and outside of our country's borders and should be designated as such, and

Whereas, interpretation of the U.S. Constitution by appointed Supreme Court justices to include artificial entities in the term "persons" has long denied the peoples' exercise of self−governance by endowing artificial entities with constitutional protections intended for the people; and

Whereas, the illegitimate judicial bestowal of political rights upon artificial entities usurps basic human and constitutional rights guaranteed to human persons; and

Whereas, these artificial entities are not and have never been human beings, and therefore they do not vote in elections and should not be categorized as persons for purposes related to elections for public office; and

Whereas, the recent Supreme Court decision, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, that rolled back the legal limits on spending of these artificial entities in the electoral process creates an unequal playing field and allows unlimited spending by collective special interests to influence elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions, and to sway votes, and forces elected officials to divert their attention from the peoples' business, or even vote against the interest of their human constituents, in order to ensure competitive campaign funds for their own re-elections; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of people, organizations, and municipalities across the nation are joining with the Move to Amend movement to call for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to abolish constitutional rights for the entities defined as artificial by this resolution and the doctrine of money as free speech;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the members of the Forest Hills Town Council call on the North Carolina General Assembly to petition Congress that the U.S. Constitution be amended to firmly establish that the rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only. Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, labor unions, PACs and other entities, established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights under this Constitution and that money is not speech.

County	Name (of Officer)	Title

Signature	Date