

RESOLUTION NO. 90 2012

TO CALL ON OUR LEGISLATORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO JOIN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE "MOVE TO AMEND CAMPAIGN" TO CALL FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH CORPORATE PERSONHOOD AND RETURN OUR ELECTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND RECLAIM OUR RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNANCE.

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

WHEREAS, corporations can exist in perpetuity, can exist simultaneously in many nations and need only profit for survival; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these advantages, the great wealth of large corporations allows them to wield coercive force of law to overpower human beings and communities, thus denying citizens the right to exercise their constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution and the people have never voluntarily or democratically granted constitutional rights to corporations, nor have we decreed that corporations have authority that exceeds the authority of the people of the United States; and

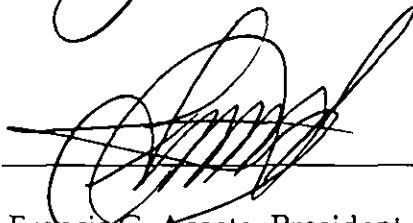
WHEREAS, the unconstitutional judicial bestowal of civil and political rights upon corporations usurps basic human and constitutional rights and also empowers corporations to sue municipal and state governments for adopting laws that violate corporate rights even when those laws can protect and defend the rights of human persons and communities; and

WHEREAS, the recent Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission decision of the United States Supreme Court is contrary to the constitutional intent to free speech for individual human beings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania hereby calls on our legislators and elected officials to join the tens of thousands of citizens, grassroots organizations and local governments across the Commonwealth in the Move to Amend campaign to call for an amendment to the Constitution to abolish corporate personhood and return our elections to the citizens of the United States and reclaim our right to self-governance.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Reading calls on other communities and jurisdictions to join with us in this action by passing similar resolutions.

Adopted by Council June 25, 2012



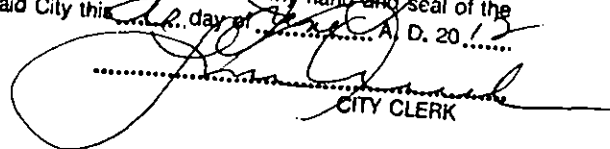
Francis G. Acosta, President of Council

Attest:



Linda A. Kelleher, City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 25 day of June A. D. 20 12. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 25 day of June A. D. 20 12.



CITY CLERK