

RESOLUTION NO. 12- 06

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF PUEBLO, COLORADO REGARDING CORPORATE PERSONHOOD**

WHEREAS, government of, by and for the People has long been a fundamental American value and the inalienable right to self-govern, and thereby secure certain fundamental rights is guaranteed in the United States Constitution; and

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

WHEREAS, the People do not consider corporations to be natural persons; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. FEC extends free speech rights to corporations will allow corporations to overwhelm our democratic process in opposition to the best interests of the American people; and

WHEREAS, the opinion of the four dissenting justices in Citizens United noted that corporations have special advantages not enjoyed by natural persons, such as limited liability, perpetual life, and favorable treatment in the accumulation and distribution of assets, that allow them to spend extraordinary sums of money on campaign messages that have little or no correlation with the beliefs held by natural persons; and

WHEREAS, corporations are legally required to prioritize profit production for shareholders over concerns for the greatest good of society while natural persons balance their narrow self interest and broader public interest when making political decisions; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people of the states of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and the republican form of self-governance.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the position of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Pueblo, Colorado that corporations should not be afforded the same constitutional rights as natural persons and that because money is not speech, limits on political spending by corporations will promote the goals of the First Amendment by ensuring that all citizens, regardless of wealth, have an opportunity to have their views heard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Pueblo, Colorado, supports a Constitutional amendment to limit free speech rights to natural persons and to exclude corporations.

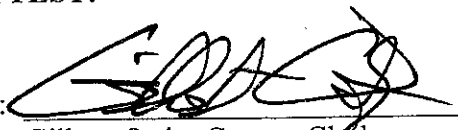
RESOLUTION NO. 12- 06 (CONTINUED)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of January 2012, in Pueblo County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

By: 
Anthony Nuñez, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Gilbert Ortiz, County Clerk