



Corporate Personhood Proclamation

Whereas, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights are intended to protect the rights of individual human beings also known as natural persons; and

Whereas, corporations can and do make important contributions to our society, but they are not considered to be natural persons; and


Whereas, while state and federal governments may provide certain privileges to corporations, the privileges do not equate to the rights of natural persons protected by the U.S. Constitution; and

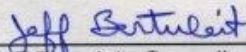
Whereas, the right to free speech is a fundamental freedom and unalienable right and free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance; and

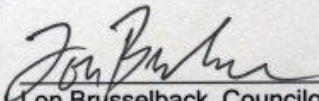
Whereas, Oregon Senator Merkley and Oregon Representatives Peter DeFazio, Earl Blumenauer, and Kurt Schrader are pursuing campaign finance reform legislation to address corporate personhood issues; and

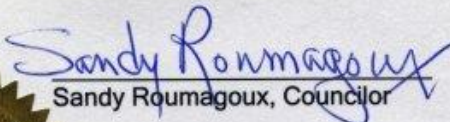
Whereas, corporations should not have what is known as "corporate personhood," or the constitutional rights that a natural person possess,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark McConnell, Mayor of the City of Newport, Oregon, do hereby reject the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, and urge an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights.


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