WHEREAS, on January 21, 2010, with its ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the Supreme Court ruled that corporations are persons, entitled by the U.S. Constitution to contribute to elections; and

WHEREAS, the Move to Amend Campaign is a movement comprised of citizens of the United States who reject the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United, and want to amend the Constitution to firmly establish that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the Move to Amend Campaign believes that the Supreme Court is misguided in principle and wrong on the law, and Corporations are not legal persons and should be subject to regulation by Congress and the States; and

WHEREAS, the Move to Amend Campaign believes that money is not a form of speech protected under the first amendment of the United States Constitution, but is property, and can be regulated by Congress and the States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners supports the Move to Amend Campaign and communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting influences of undue corporate power through campaign contributions by calling on State and Federal representatives to amend the United States Constitution to establish that.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board requests that Ingham County’s State and Federal representatives enact resolutions, legislation, and Constitutional amendments advancing this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Congressman Mike Rogers, Senator Carl Levin, Debbie Stabenow and the Ingham County State Legislative Delegation.

COUNTY SERVICES:  Yeas: Holman, Schor, Grebner, Celentino, De Leon
 Nays: None  Absent: Vickers  Approved 9/18/12