

RESOLUTION 2012-04

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSBURG
CALLING UPON CONGRESS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION**

Whereas, it is the right of natural persons who are citizens and legal residents of this country to control their election process; and

Whereas, it is the right of the people to fair and equitable election processes free of the undue influence of wealth or money; and

Whereas, corporations are not entitled to the entirety of protections or “rights” of natural persons; and

Whereas, the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is not a form of constitutionally protected speech; and

Whereas, campaign funds to influence elections may only be contributed by natural persons and subject to the limitations as may be imposed by legislation, or through a process of public financing of elections; and

Whereas, nothing in this proposed amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press; and

Now, therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Martinsburg opposes the Supreme Court Decision in the case known as *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and supports a Constitutional amendment to remove the influence of corporate money from electoral campaigns

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, George Karos, Mayor of Martinsburg, West Virginia have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Martinsburg to be affixed this 8th day of March, 2012.

CITY OF MARTINSBURG, WV

/s/ George Karos, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Gena Long, City Recorder