

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20498

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND CALLING FOR A UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO EXPLICITLY STATE THAT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE RIGHTS OF NATURAL PERSONS ONLY AND MONEY IS NOT SPEECH

WHEREAS, government of, by and for the people has long been an American value, and WE the People's fundamental and inalienable right to self-govern, and thereby secure rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness, is asserted in our Declaration of Independence and guaranteed in our United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012, about 75% of Montana voters, including the majority of every county in Montana and all counties passed Montana 2012 Initiative 166, asserting that the people of Montana regard money as property not free speech, and that the people of Montana regard the rights under the United States Constitution as rights of human beings, not rights of corporations, and called for a US Constitutional amendment; Montana 2012 I-166 stated: "Ballot initiative I-166 establishes a state policy that corporations are not entitled to constitutional rights because they are not human beings, and charges Montana elected and appointed officials, state and federal, to implement that policy.

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With this policy, the people of Montana establish that there should be a level playing field in campaign spending, in part by prohibiting corporate campaign contributions and expenditures and by limiting political spending in elections. Further, Montana's congressional delegation is charged with proposing a joint resolution offering an amendment to the United States Constitution establishing that corporations are not human beings entitled to constitutional rights;"

WHEREAS, Montana Governor Steve Bullock signed Executive Order No.15-2018, requiring disclosure of dark money spending, on June 8, 2018, ordering and directing the implementation of disclosure rules for executive branch contracting seeking to do business with the State of Montana, they must disclose contributions or expenditures they have made in elections;

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

WHEREAS, persons are rightfully recognized as human beings;

WHEREAS, corporations are not mentioned in our Constitution and We The People have never granted Constitutional rights to corporations;

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WHEREAS, corporations are not and have never been human beings and therefore are rightly subservient to human beings and governments as our legal creations;

WHEREAS, money is property, not free speech; and

WHEREAS, many people and municipalities across our nation are joining to call for an Amendment to our Constitution to abolish corporate personhood and the doctrine of money as free speech.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. The City Commission and People of Helena, Montana hereby call for our representative and senators in the U. S. Congress to join other American towns, cities, counties, states and organizations with passed or pending Resolutions, to implement the process described in the U.S. Constitution, Article V, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by 2/3 vote in both the House and the Senate, stating:

- A. the rights extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only. Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, and other

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entities, established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State or local law; and

- B. to ensure all citizens have access to the political process, money is not equal free speech and therefore non-human legal entities are prohibited from making contributions or expenditures for or against a candidate or ballot issues.

**PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA,
MONTANA, THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.**

/S/ WILMOT J. COLLINS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION