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and Assembly Members  
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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2018-391**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**  
2 **SUPPORTING AND CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**  
3 **OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT RESULTED FROM**  
4 **COURT DECISIONS SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S**  
5 **DECISION IN *CITIZENS UNITED v. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION*.**  
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8 **WHEREAS** the heart of democracy is the right of human beings to govern  
9 themselves, and the United States is the first and foremost democracy since the days of  
10 ancient Greece; and

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12 **WHEREAS** the founding documents of the United States, the Declaration of  
13 Independence and the Constitution, recognize that human beings have certain inalienable  
14 rights; and

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16 **WHEREAS** the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution  
17 do not mention or grant any rights to corporations or to any artificial entities other than the  
18 United States of America and its constituent States; and

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20 **WHEREAS** corporations and other artificial entities are not and never have been  
21 human beings, and are only entitled to the legal powers and protections that the People  
22 grant to them; and

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24 **WHEREAS** recent judicial decisions, including the United States Supreme Court  
25 decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 130 S.Ct. 876, 558 U.S. 310  
26 (2010), have held that corporations and other artificial entities are "persons" under the  
27 United States Constitution with a constitutional right to spend as much money as they wish  
28 on political speech, thereby greatly expanding the power of corporations and other  
29 artificial entities to influence elections and otherwise undermine the power of the People to  
30 govern themselves; and

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32 **WHEREAS** when freedom of speech is equated with freedom to spend money, the  
33 free speech of 99 percent of the People is overwhelmed by the messages of the few who  
34 are able to spend millions of dollars to influence the political process; and

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36 **WHEREAS** respected national political polls show that large majorities of the  
37 People from all parts of the political spectrum believe that corporations and other artificial  
38 entities have too much power in our political system; and

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40 **WHEREAS** we the People are supreme, and have the power to overrule the  
41 Supreme Court through a constitutional amendment; and  
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1       **WHEREAS** over 800 municipalities and local governments, and 19 state  
2 governments, have already passed resolutions calling for an amendment to the United  
3 States Constitution to address the types of issues identified above;

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5       **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anchorage Assembly  
6 supports, and calls for, an amendment to the United States Constitution, establishing that:

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8       Section 1.       The United States Constitution does not create or grant or protect  
9 any constitutional rights for corporations or other artificial entities; and

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11       Section 2.       That money is not speech, and that the government has the right to  
12 enact statutes and regulations governing the expenditure of money to influence elections  
13 and political decision making, to the end that all voices and opinions of the People can be  
14 expressed and heard.

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16       The Municipal Clerk is directed to deliver copies of this resolution to the  
17 Anchorage delegation to the Alaska Legislature and to Alaska's delegation to the United  
18 States Congress.

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20 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_ day of  
21 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Chair

26 **ATTEST:**

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