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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 23, 2015

**TO:** Rick Soskis  
Citizen Advocate of Election Integrity

**FROM:** Jeronda Robinson   
Administrative Services Assistant

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Resolution 15-005, To Support the Move to Amend Campaign to Call for an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and the Doctrine of Money as Speech and Return our Democracy, our Elections, our Communities to America's Human Persons and to Thus Claim our Sovereign Right to Self-Governance

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Enclosed is one (1) original of the above referenced item which has been executed by the Chair and attested by the Clerk. The County Administrator's Office has retained a copy for our records.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 875-8657.

Enclosures

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-005

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO SUPPORT THE MOVE TO AMEND CAMPAIGN TO CALL FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH CORPORATE PERSONHOOD AND THE DOCTRINE OF MONEY AS SPEECH AND RETURN OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR ELECTIONS, OUR COMMUNITIES TO AMERICA'S HUMAN PERSONS AND TO THUS CLAIM OUR SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Whereas*, government of, by, and for the people has long been a cherished 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 guaranteed in the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and;

*Whereas*, free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance, and

*Whereas*, persons are rightfully recognized as human beings whose essential needs include clean air, clean water, safe and secure food, and

*Whereas*, corporations are entirely human-made legal fictions created by express permission of We The People and our government, and

*Whereas*, corporations can exist in perpetuity, can exist simultaneously in many nations at once, need only profit for survival, and exist solely through the legal charter imposed by the government of We The People, and

*Whereas*, in addition to these advantages, the great wealth of large corporations allows them to wield coercive force of law to overpower human beings and communities, thus denying We The People's exercise of our Constitutional rights, and

*Whereas*, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution, and The People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations, nor have We decreed that corporations have authority that exceeds the authority of We The People of the United States, and

*Whereas*, interpretation of the US Constitution by appointed Supreme Court justices to include corporations in the term 'persons' has long denied We The Peoples' exercise of self-governance by endowing corporations with Constitutional protections intended for We The People, and

*Whereas*, the illegitimate judicial bestowal of civil and political rights upon corporations usurps basic human and Constitutional rights guaranteed to human persons, and also empowers corporations to sue municipal and state governments for adopting laws that violate 'corporate rights' even when those laws serve to protect and defend the rights of human persons and communities, and

*Whereas*, corporations are not and have never been human beings, and therefore are rightfully subservient to human beings and governments as our legal creations, and

*Whereas*, large corporations' profits and survival are often in direct conflict with the essential needs and rights of human beings, and

*Whereas*, the recent Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission Supreme Court decision that rolled back the legal limits on spending in the electoral process creates an unequal playing field and allows unlimited spending by wealthy individuals, corporations and other entities to influence elections, candidate selection, policy decisions and sway votes, and forces elected officials to divert their attention from The Peoples' business, or even vote against the interest of their human constituents, in order to ensure competitive campaign funds for their own re-election, and

*Whereas*, the judicial interpretation to construe spending money in political campaigns as speech is contrary of the notion of one person, one vote and allows those with the most money to have an unfair advantage in a political system that should be about ensuring that all citizens have equal access to the political process and to influencing the outcome of elections, and

*Whereas*, money is property, not speech, and

*Whereas*, large corporations own most of America's mass media and use that media as a megaphone to express loudly their political agenda and to convince Americans that their primary role is that of consumers, rather than sovereign citizens with rights and responsibilities within our democracy, and this forces citizens to toil to discern the truth behind headlines and election campaigning, and

*Whereas*, tens of thousands of people and municipalities across the nation are joining with the Move to Amend campaign to call for an Amendment to the US Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and the doctrine of Money as Speech; and

*Therefore Be It Resolved* that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners hereby calls on our Legislators to join the tens of thousands of citizens, grassroots organizations and local governments across the country in the Move to Amend campaign to call for an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and the doctrine of Money as Speech and return our democracy, our elections, our communities to America's human persons and to thus claim our sovereign right to self-governance.


*And Be It Further Resolved* that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners calls on other communities and jurisdictions to join with us in this action by passing similar Resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE** on this 21st day of July, 2015.



**GADSDEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Attest:  
Gadsden County, Florida

  
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court



  
Brenda A. Holt, Chairperson