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COUNCIL BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 031313

### A RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING** that the rights and liberties of individuals living in Exeter, Missouri, are secured by the United States Constitution and that the United States Constitution is a creation of individual persons representing states bonded in mutual accountability to promote the "General Welfare"

**WHEREAS**, corporations, unions and other collective entities are artificial entities and therefore cannot have rights equal to those of individual human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, the great wealth of large corporations, unions and other collective entities allows them to wield coercive force of law to overpower human beings, communities, small businesses and small corporations; this has resulted in the erosion of the electoral process, the economy, and personal freedoms; and

**WHEREAS**, the ruling expressed in the January 10, 2010 majority opinion of the Supreme Court in Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission erroneously equates corporate personhood with individual personhood and wrongfully equates freedom of speech to corporate money and political activity; and

**WHEREAS**, only an amendment to the United States Constitution defining personhood as solely belonging to individual human beings will remedy The Supreme Court decisions and restore integrity to our inalienable rights as originally intended by the Constitution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EXETER, MISSOURI, as follows:**

1. The City of Exeter Missouri will support the Move to Amend campaign to call for an Amendment to the United States Constitution to abolish corporate personhood; which establishes that only individual human beings, not corporations, unions or any other collective entity are entitled to inalienable constitutional rights; and that money is not speech, therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting freedom of speech; and
2. Shall promulgate the resolution to representatives of our county, state and federal governing bodies and shall publish this resolution as an official press release to all local and state media outlets.

Passed at meeting: 03-13-13

Rusty Reed  
Mayor

Attest: Myna Eisenbaum, City Clerk

Filed as Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_, City Attorney

Approved for Council action: \_\_\_\_\_, City Manager