

RESOLUTION NO. 12-0001

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THAT THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN FREISTATT, 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 COMMON GOOD

WHEREAS, corporations are state chartered artificial entities and therefore cannot have rights equal to those of individual human beings; and

WHEREAS, the great wealth of large corporations 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 the American dream; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Freistatt Board of Trustees has conducted an open discussion in a public meeting referencing the points stated above and has conducted a survey of the residents of Freistatt and found the majority of residents in agreement with the statements made above; and, therefore, conclude that adoption of this Resolution is in the best interest of the public and the Village of Freistatt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREISTATT, LAWRENCE COUNTY, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Freistatt, 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, 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

SECTION 2: The Village of Freistatt Board of Trustees 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.

This Resolution was introduced, read one time, discussed and then after a second reading, was duly passed on this 11th day of October, 2012 by majority vote of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Freistatt, Missouri.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF FREISTATT



Deborah Schoen, Village Clerk



James M. Ortwein, Chairman

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