

Resolution No. 15-0644

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MOVE TO AMEND
ORGANIZATION'S PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO
HELP MAKE ELECTIONS FAIR FOR ALL CITIZENS**

WHEREAS, Government of, by, and for the people has long been a cherished American value, and the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States is intended to protect the free speech rights of people; and

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

WHEREAS, the Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission Supreme Court decision that changed the legal limits on spending in the electoral process created a new and concerning playing field; and allows unlimited spending by individuals, corporations and other entities to influence elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions. The ruling may encourage elected officials to divert their attention from the peoples' business, in order to ensure competitive campaign funds for their own re-election; and

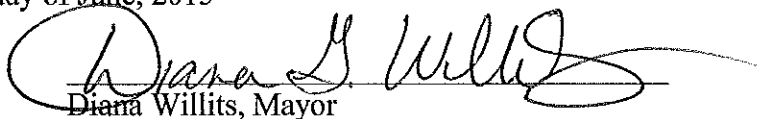
WHEREAS, the judicial interpretation that spending money in political campaigns is speech may be contrary to the notion of one person, one vote and allows those with the most money to have an unfair advantage in a political system that should be about ensuring that all citizens have equal access to the political process; and


WHEREAS, money is property, not speech; and

WHEREAS, people and municipalities across the nation are calling for an Amendment to the United States Constitution to address the issues raised in the Citizens United ruling, including corporate personhood and Money is not Speech.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Windsor Heights State of Iowa, that we do hereby support the Move to Amend organization's goal to make elections fair for all its citizens by amending the Constitution; and that we encourage all residents to find ways to continue to champion the long-standing commitment of government of, by, and for the people.

Passed and Approved this 15th day of June, 2015


Diana Willits, Mayor

Attest: 
Brett Klein, City Administrator