CITY OF QUINCY

IN COUNCIL

ORDER NO.

2012-112

June 4, 2012

ORDERED:

Resolution To Support a Call For a Constitutional Amendment Overturning the "Citizens United Decision"

- Whereas, a Supreme Court ruling made in January 2010 prohibited the government from restricting political payments from corporations; and
- Whereas, one effect from the ruling, as cited in written commentary refuting the equity of allowing corporations to donate unlimited funds to candidates or political parties, has been the creation of Super Political Action Committees; and
- Whereas, many states and cities have enacted resolutions opposing the perceived corporate control of elections and are urging Congress to amend the U. S. Constitution and ban corporate personhood; and
- Whereas, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) has introduced a constitution amendment to overturn the Citizens United Decision by the Supreme Court and redefine "corporate personhood" and Representative Ted Deutch (D-Florida) has introduced the same amendment in the House,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Quincy, Norfolk County, State of Massachusetts, that it strongly supports a constitutional amendment calling for the overturning of Citizens United Decision of January 2010 and calls upon the legislature to take action on same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown and Representative William Keating.

ADOPTED IN COUNCIL JUNE 4, 2012

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

YEAS Coughlin, Croall, Finn, Gutro, Hughes, Laforest, McFarland, McNamee, Palmucci

NAYS Coughlin, Croall, Finn, Gutro, Hughes, Laforest, McFarland, McNamee, Palmucci