

WHEREAS, the Town of Newcastle held its annual Town Meeting on June 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Citizens of Newcastle, by majority vote, approved the following resolution:

***RESOLVED: the People of Newcastle, Maine stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that:***

- 1. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and***
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the People of Newcastle Maine, hereby instruct our state & federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.***

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Newcastle Board of Selectmen, do hereby communicate as such to our representative delegation at the state and federal level, with a copy of this resolution sent to each.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Newcastle in the State of Maine this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

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*Brian Foote, Chair*

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*Ellen Dickens*

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*Chris Doherty*

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*Ben Frey*

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*Pat Hudson*