

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

A RESOLUTION OF ISLAND COUNTY)
TO THE HONORABLE BARACK) RESOLUTION C- 07-12
OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED)
STATES, AND TO MEMBERS OF THE)
SENATE AND HOUSE OF)
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED)
STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED)

WHEREAS, as the Board of Island County Commissioners we seek to nurture and expand democracy in our state and in our nation. Free and fair elections are essential to American democracy and effective self-governance. The granting of constitutional protections to non-natural corporate "persons" threatens the rights of living, breathing persons to have their voices heard. Corporations should not have a constitutionally protected right to donate unregulated amounts of money to political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Corporations are legal entities separate and apart from human beings. They can and should be given specific legal rights by federal, state and local law, but not the rights of natural, living, breathing persons which are enumerated in the Constitution; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

In light of these facts we, the undersigned members of the Board of Island County Commissioners, respectfully urge Congress to prepare and send to the states for adoption, a Constitutional amendment that in effect reverses the 2010 Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision by clarifying that:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are persons under the United States Constitution.
2. Money is not speech and the donation of money to a political campaign is not a form of constitutionally protected speech. Therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

ADOPTED this 23 day of JULY, 2012.



ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow
Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board

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