

City of Coos Bay

Resolution 12-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY, COOS COUNTY, OREGON
APPROVING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO OVERTURN
CORPORATE PERSONHOOD**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court decision in "Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission" posits that corporations are persons deserving of the inalienable rights protected by our constitution and that money is equivalent to speech, and;

WHEREAS, a priori, corporations are not people and therefore are not entitled to inalienable rights, but rather legal constructs worthy only of alienable rights, and;

WHEREAS, money is a medium of exchange and assigned value that carries with it no specific political, social or ideological meaning and therefore, in and of itself, cannot equal speech, and;

WHEREAS, the implications and practical impact of these concepts, if enforced and upheld, have far reaching and potentially adverse effects upon our democracy and;

WHEREAS, we believe that it is essential that all levels of representative government strive to protect the rights of We the People and communicate clearly the will of the people from the local community, to the state governing bodies and ultimately the federal government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, THE COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY, OREGON hereby calls upon our state and federal representatives to support and actively pursue an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to Abolish Corporate Personhood and thereby reaffirm and protect the rights and privileges rightfully reserved for human persons.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon this 6th day of March 2012.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susanne Baker, City Recorder