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Resolution Supporting an Amendment to the United States

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Judy Witterstaeter, Program Coordinator, County Administration

Attached for your further is one copy of the Resolution noted above. The Clerk's Office retained the Clerk's Original for filing with the Board's Minutes.

Thank you.

Department Representative - (Comments as Applicable)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R2015-134

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO REVERSE THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION AND CONFIRM THAT CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in the matter of *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the United States Supreme Court ruled that corporations are persons, entitled by the United States Constitution to unlimited contributions for elections; and

WHEREAS, the political organization, Move to Amend, is a coalition of individuals committed to building a vibrant democracy that is accountable to the people; and

WHEREAS, Move to Amend believes that the Court's ruling in *Citizens United* disrupts the democratic process by granting disproportionate influence to individuals who can manipulate corporate entities; and

WHEREAS, amending the United States Constitution would clearly establish that corporations are not people and put citizens in charge of their own political process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> That the above stated recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. That the Board hereby supports Move to Amend's proposal to amend the United States Constitution pertaining to elections to reverse the decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and confirm that corporations are not people.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida.

ADOPTED this 8th day of October 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESCAMBIA GOUNTY, FLORIDA

Steven Barry, Chairman

Date Executed

ATTEST: Pam Childers

<u>Therk</u> of the Circuit Court

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