

Resolution No. 597

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH CORPORATE PERSONHOOD AND THE DOCTRINE OF MONEY AS SPEECH AND CLAIM OUR RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, government of, by, and for the people has long been a cherished American value; and

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance; and

WHEREAS, corporations are entirely human-made legal fictions created by express permission of We The People and our government; and

WHEREAS, the great wealth of large corporations allows them to wield coercive force of law to overpower human beings and communities, thus denying We The People's exercise of our Constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the judicial bestowal of civil and political rights upon corporations usurps basic human and Constitutional rights guaranteed to human persons, and also empowers corporations to sue municipal and state governments for adopting laws that violate "corporate rights" even when those laws serve to protect and defend the rights of human persons and communities; and

WHEREAS, corporations are not and have never been human beings, and therefore are rightfully subservient to human beings and governments as our legal creations; and

WHEREAS, the recent Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission Supreme Court decision that rolled back the legal limits on spending in the electoral process creates an unequal playing field and allows unlimited spending by wealthy individuals, corporations and other entities to influence elections; and

WHEREAS, money is property, not speech; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of people and municipalities across the nation are joining the Move to Amend campaign to call for an Amendment to the United States Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and the doctrine of Money as Speech;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Eureka Springs hereby calls on all elected officials to join the tens of thousands of citizens, grassroots organizations and local governments across the country in the Move

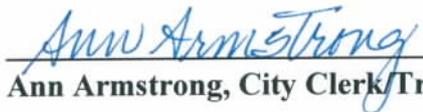
to Amend campaign to call for an Amendment to the United States Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and the doctrine of Money as Speech and return our democracy, our elections, our communities to America's human persons and to thus claim our sovereign right to self-governance.

Section 2. The City of Eureka Springs calls on other communities and jurisdictions to join with us in this action by passing similar Resolutions.

Section 3. The City of Eureka Springs supports education to increase public awareness of the threats to our democracy posed by Corporate Personhood, and encourages lively discussion to build understanding and consensus to take appropriate community and municipal actions to democratically respond to these threats.

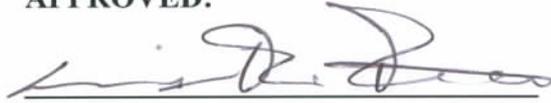
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2012.

ATTEST:



Ann Armstrong, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:



Morris Pate, Mayor

Aldermen voting "Aye" – Ken Pownall, Parker Raphael, James DeVito, and Lany Ballance
Alderman voting "No" – Butch Berry