## CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I, Wendy Helgeson, the duly appointed and qualified Deputy City Clerk of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Section 9.20(3), the Petition for Direct Legislation – Move to Amend: Supporting a Constitutional Amendment, as filed with the City Clerk's Office on May 29, 2014 is in order as to form and that there are 4,514 valid signatures.

Dated at Appleton, Wisconsin, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

WENDY HELGESON Deputy City Clerk

(City Seal)

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the City of Appleton, request that this proposed resolution, without alteration, be adopted, or preferably, referred to a vote of the electors pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 9.20. Shall the City of Appleton adopt the following resolution?

"Whereas, the Supreme Court's decisions in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission and related case law allows unlimited spending to influence local, state, and federal elections;

corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country syon BE IT RESOLVED, that "We the People" of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, call for reclaiming democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and, passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. Only human beings - not corporations, limited liability companies, unions, nonprofit organizations, or similar associations - are endowed with constitutional rights; and

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2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort."

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am a qualified elector of the state of Wisconsin, or I am a U.S. ditizen age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. § 6.03. I personally circulated this petition for direct legislation and personally obtained each signature on this petition. I know that these signers are electors of the municipality listed above. I know that each person signed this petition with, full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. Thrend to support this petition. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under Wis. Stat. § 12.13(3)(a).

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## RESOLUTION

## By the City of Appleton Electors Supporting a Constitutional Amendment

WHEREAS, government of, by, and for the people has long been a cherished American value, and We the People have a fundamental and inalienable right to self-govern, thereby securing rights to life, liberty, and property, and the pursuit of happiness is guaranteed in the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence;

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

WHEREAS, persons are rightfully recognized as human beings whose essential needs include clean air, water, safe and secure food, and;

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

WHEREAS, corporations can exist in perpetuity, can exist simultaneously in many nations at once, need only profit for survival, and exist solely through the legal charter imposed by the government of We the People, and;

WHEREAS, in addition to these advantages, the great wealth of 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, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution, and the People have never granted Constitutional rights to corporations, nor have We the People decreed that corporations have authority that exceeds that of We the People of the United States, and;

WHEREAS, interpretation of the U.S. Constitution by appointed Supreme Court Justices to include corporations in the term "persons" has long denied We the People's exercise of self-governance by endowing corporations with Constitutional protections intended for We the People, and;

WHEREAS, the illegitimate judicial bestowal of civil and political rights upon corporations usurps basic human and Constitutional rights guaranteed to human beings, 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 beings and communities, and;

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

WHEREAS, large corporations' profits and survival are often in direct conflict with the essential needs and rights of human beings, and;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's decisions in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* and related case law 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 local, state, and federal elections, candidate selection, policy decisions and sway votes, and forces elected officials to divert their attention from We the People's business or even vote against the

interest of their human constituents, in order to ensure competitive campaign funding for their own reelection, and;

WHEREAS, the judicial interpretation to construe spending in political campaigns is contrary to the notion of "one person, one vote" and allows those with the most money to have an unfair advantage in a political system that should be about ensuring that all electors have equal access to the political process and to influencing the outcome of elections, and;

WHEREAS, money is property, not speech, and;

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WHEREAS, large corporations own most of America's mass media and use that media as a megaphone to express loudly their political agenda and to convince Americans that their primary role is that of consumers, rather than sovereign citizens with rights and responsibilities in a democracy, forcing citizens to toil to discern the truth behind headlines and election campaigning, and;

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of people and municipalities across the nation are joining with the Move to Amend campaign to call for an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to abolish the doctrines of Corporate Personhood and Money as Speech, and;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that "We the People" of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, call for reclaiming democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country supporting passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

- 1. Only human beings not corporations, limited liability companies, unions, nonprofit organizations, or similar associations 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 we hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

<b>APPROVED</b> by the Electors of the City of Appleton, Wisconsi Election.	n at the November 4, 2014 General
Wherefore I, Timothy Hanna, swear under penalty of perjury, th Appleton, Wisconsin, that the foregoing is true and correct to the	
Ву:	
	Timothy Hanna
	City of Appleton Mayor
County of Outagamie, State of Wisconsin	
Subscribed and sworn before me this day of, 2014	
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin	