

CITY OF YACHATS
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04-04

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND OREGON TO BE AMENDED TO ESTABLISH THAT CORPORATIONS ARE NOT
PEOPLE AND MONEY IS NOT SPEECH**

WHEREAS, Democracy means governance by the people; and the citizens of the City of Yachats hope to protect democracy in our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Corporations are artificial entities separate from human beings and are not naturally endowed with conscience or the rights of human beings; and Corporations are creations of law and are only permitted to do what is authorized under law; and

WHEREAS, Corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution; and the People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations; and

WHEREAS, Corporations claim to be persons, possessing the rights of personhood, including free speech and other constitutional freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Corporations have unduly influenced and unfairly interfered with democratic processes by pressuring our legislators and dominating election campaigns with virtually unlimited contributions; and

WHEREAS, When freedom to speak is equated with freedom to spend money, millions of people who have less money are de facto disenfranchised because their free speech is overwhelmed by the message of those spending millions of dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Yachats call for amending the Constitutions of the United States and Oregon to establish that only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with rights that are protected by the constitution, and that money is not speech, and therefore the expenditure of money to influence the electoral process is not a form of constitutionally protected speech and may be regulated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Yachats hereby call on our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of April, 2012.

THIS RESOLUTION IS EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION.

Attest:

Ronald L. Brean, Mayor

Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder