

**CITY OF SILVERTON
RESOLUTION NO. 12-14**

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO RATIFY A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ABROGATING THE CITIZENS UNITED V. FEC U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was designed to protect the free speech rights of people, not corporations: and

WHEREAS, a bare majority of U>S> Supreme Court Justices have willfully imposed an unsupportable interpretation of the Bill of Rights as immunizing corporations from reasonable and necessary limits on their political power: and,

WHEREAS, THE United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations from dominating local, state and federal elections; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC presents a serious and direct threat to a democratic republic: and

WHEREAS. The people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our sovereignty and right to self-governance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the City Council of the City of Silverton, call upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the States for ratification a Constitutional Amendment stating that: the rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only and that money spent to influence elections is not speech and can be regulated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is and shall be effective from and after its adoption by the Council.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted on the 7th day of May 2012.

Stu Rasmussen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bob Willoughby, City Manager/City Recorder