

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people and states of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and republican self-government; and

WHEREAS, the people and states of the United States of America have strengthened the nation and preserved liberty and equality for all by using the amendment process throughout our history, including in seven of the ten decades of the 20th Century, and including to reverse seven erroneous Supreme Court decisions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts, acting in the spirit and history of our community, does hereby declare that we call upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a Constitutional Amendment to reverse the Citizen United v. Federal Election Commission decision and to thereby restore Constitutional rights and fair elections to the people. To that end, the Mayor shall send copies of this resolution to Massachusetts State Representative Peter Kocot, Massachusetts State Senator Stanley Rosenberg, Governor Deval Patrick, United States Congressman Richard Neal and United States Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown, the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, the United States Attorney General, Eric H. Holder Jr., and the President of the United States, Barack Obama.