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**MOTION: (Barbara Tiner)** I move that the Town vote to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolution for a Constitutional amendment to restore the First Amendment and fair elections to the people**

Whereas, by passing a Resolution to Legalize Democracy and Abolish Corporate Personhood at the April 24, 2010 annual meeting, the Town of Leverett decreed that only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights and money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Leverett, Massachusetts supports Senate Resolution No. 772 presented by Mr. James B. Eldridge (and others) that calls for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to call upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the States for ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the First Amendment and fair elections to the people, and calls upon our elected representatives, Rep. Stephen Kulik and Senator Stanley Rosenberg, to make every effort to see that this bill is reported favorably out of committee and to vote for it when it comes up for a vote.

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Motion was seconded.

The question was called, seconded and passed.

**MAIN MOTION CARRIED.**

**ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT (by petition):** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution, or take any action relative thereto:

(A) Prolonged Chaining or Tethering of Dogs is Prohibited.

No person owning or keeping a dog in the town shall chain or tether a dog to a stationary object including but not limited to any structure, dog house, pole or tree for longer than two total hours in any twenty-four hour period. The tether must be positioned in such a way as to protect the animal from injury and prevent the animal or tether from becoming entangled with other objects or animals or from extending over an object (i.e. fence) or edge that could result in the strangulation or injury of the animal. The tether must be designed for dogs (e.g., logging chains and other lines or devices not for the purpose of tethering dogs may not be used) and have swivels on both ends. No chain or tether shall weigh more than one-eighth (1/8) of the dog's body weight. The tether must be at least three times the length of the animal, as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of his tail.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a person from walking a dog on a hand-held leash.

(B) Permissible Outside Confinement.

A person owning or keeping a dog in the town may confine such dog outside for longer than two hours, but no more than eight hours total in a twenty-four hour period through the use of any of the following three methods:

(1) A pen or secure enclosure, if the following conditions are met:

(a) The pen or secure enclosure has adequate space for exercise with a dimension of at least one hundred (100) square feet per dog. Commercial dog kennels with pens intended for the temporary boarding of dogs are exempt from this requirement.

(b) The pen or secure enclosure is constructed with chain link or other similar material as determined by the Building Inspector, with all four sides enclosed.

(c) The pen or secure enclosure must be cleaned regularly of feces and debris.

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