

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BAKER CITY COUNCIL URGING OREGON’S MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO APPROVE – AND OREGON’S LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT – AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH GIVES CONGRESS AND THE STATES THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, There is widespread, bipartisan national interest in fair electoral processes for candidates and measures; and

WHEREAS, Previous federal and state legislative measures to regulate campaign financing were largely invalidated by the 2010 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* and subsequent federal court decisions; and

WHEREAS, The consequences of *Citizens United* exacerbate the already pervasive influence of money in politics and could well increase the distortion and corruption of electoral and governing processes and loss of citizen confidence in federal, state, and local democratic institutions; and

WHEREAS, *Citizens United* was based largely on a finding that political contributions are protected under the First Amendment’s Free Speech Clause, thus making it necessary to enact a Constitutional amendment to remedy *Citizens United*; and

WHEREAS, Some Members of Congress, including Senators Merkley and Wyden, and others are attempting to gather support for a Constitutional amendment authorizing Congress and the states to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Expressions of widespread, bipartisan, grassroots support for efforts to reverse *Citizens United* have already come from over 200 cities (including Portland, Eugene, and Ashland, Oregon), three states, and 17 state attorneys general; and additional such expressions are needed to increase the prospects for passage of a Constitutional amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Baker City, Oregon, to approve Resolution #____, **A RESOLUTION OF THE BAKER CITY COUNCIL URGING OREGON’S MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO APPROVE – AND OREGON’S LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT – AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH GIVES CONGRESS AND THE STATES THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTIONS**

PASSED by the City Council of Baker City, Oregon, and signed by the Mayor of Baker City, Oregon, this 26th day of June, 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Recorder