

## **A Resolution Concerning the Free and Fair Elections Memorial**

**WHEREAS, The Free and Fair Elections Memorial** states:

- The 1st President of the United States George Washington, stated, "The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their Constitutions of Government"
- It was the stated intention of the framers of the Constitution of the United States of America that the Congress of the United States of America should be "dependent on the people alone"
- That dependency has evolved from a dependency on the people alone to a dependency on those who spend excessively in elections, through campaigns or third-party groups;

**Whereas**, the removal of restrictions on amounts of independent political spending has resulted in the unjust influence of powerful economic forces, which have supplanted the will of the people by undermining our ability to choose our political leadership, write our own laws, and determine the fate of our state;

**Whereas**, a Constitutional Amendment is the only vehicle for effective, cross-partisan, long-term campaign finance reform;

**Whereas**, Congress has shown itself to vote "Yes" on sun an amendment and appear indifferent or enslaved to the system of disproportionate representation enabled by wealth; and

**Whereas**, five states (VT, CA, IL, NJ, and RI) have called for a constitutional convention with the express and only purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States to overturn Citizens United.

**Therefore, be it resolved** the 36th District Democrats call on the Washington State Senate to call for a limited constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution to counter the United States Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010),

**Therefore, be it further resolved** that the 36th District Democrats call on the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives to support and urge the passing of the Free and Fair Elections Memorial.

**Be it finally resolved**, that the Executive Board of the 36th District Democrats communicate this resolution to our state representatives and senator and the Democratic Central Committee and other Legislative District organizations in the counties of Washington State.

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