

A RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION
TO RESTORE THE PEOPLE'S POWER
TO LIMIT CORPORATE SPENDING IN ELECTIONS

Due to the dangerously overreaching Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission (FEC)*, federal, state, and local governments must now take the necessary steps to restore the authority of the American people to restrict the undue influence of corporations on our elections.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's January 21, 2010, decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (FEC)* aggressively deviated from long-settled law limiting corporate spending in our elections; and

WHEREAS, the radical view of the First Amendment in *Citizens United* will now permit extraordinary corporate influence over our political processes by allowing unlimited independent spending from corporate general treasuries; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's decision has elevated free speech rights of a corporation to be equal to the free speech rights of a person; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's elevation of corporations in this case may have Constitutional repercussions that go far beyond this one case; and

WHEREAS, the American people, through their federal, state, and local governments, should reclaim their constitutional right to protect the electoral process from corporate domination; and

WHEREAS, fair elections are fundamental to the security of a democracy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Women's Club of Florida educate its members about this case and urge the Florida Legislature adopt a resolution in support of amending the United States Constitution to restore the ability of the American people to limit corporate spending in our elections.

Submitted by South Brevard DWC

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THERAPEUTIC ACCESS TO CANNABIS/MARIJUANA

WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia enacted laws protecting patients using cannabis from state prosecution, and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida prohibits the possession, manufacture or use of cannabis, and it is currently considered illegal contraband under federal law and,

WHEREAS, US Health and Human Services received a patent for cannabinoids as an antioxidant and neuro-protectant; and marijuana has been reported to be effective in: a) reducing nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy; b) stimulating the appetite for patients living with AIDS and suffering from the wasting syndrome; c) controlling spasticity associated with spinal cord injury and multiple sclerosis; d) decreasing the suffering from chronic pain; and e) controlling seizures associated with seizure disorders.

WHEREAS, the benefits of therapeutic cannabis greatly outweigh any law enforcement or public safety concerns associated with such medical use.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Women's Club of Florida, Inc. supports the decriminalization of cannabis for medicinal use for individuals who suffer from conditions for which cannabis is either an effective treatment or an effective way to minimize the patient's pain and suffering.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Women's Club of Florida, Inc. requests the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature expeditiously decriminalize the use of cannabis for medical purposes.

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