

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
RESOLUTION 2021-56**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES (WAM) RESOLUTION 2021-02 RELATED TO PROVIDING CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURES THE RIGHT TO REGULATE MONIES RAISED AND SPENT FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) met on July 15, 2021 for a regular business meeting and approved Resolution 2021-02; and

WHEREAS, the resolution stated, “in the past ten years, unlimited campaign spending by corporations, unions, and special interest groups (often with anonymous donors) have had an outsized impact on elections; and

WHEREAS, Corporations, unions and special interest groups are non-human entities which exist to promote their products and the financial interests of only their stockholders or stakeholders. These entities are not people, not voters, and should not be afforded the privileges reserved in the Constitution for "We the People"; and

WHEREAS, Local and state elections, are now being overly influenced by corporations and entities that can accept anonymous and unlimited donations and that have no limits on political expenditures; and

WHEREAS, States should have the right to legislate campaign reform for their own constituents; and

WHEREAS, Free and fair elections and robust democratic participation are essential for the wellbeing of our community”.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE WYOMING, RESOLVES:

Section 1: That the City Council support the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) Resolution 2021-02, respectfully urging the Congress of the United States to propose and send to the states for ratification, an amendment to the US Constitution clarifying the distinction between the rights of natural persons and the rights of corporations, unions, and other legal entities, and providing Congress and the state legislatures the right to regulate monies raised and spent for political purposes, as shown in Attachment A.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 17th day of August 2021.



Paul Weaver, Mayor and President
Laramie City Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Bartholomew, CMC
City Clerk