

Resolution To Support a Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Integrity of Elections

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states, “Congress shall make no law....abridging the freedom of speech;” and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of the United States holds that all Americans deserve to know who is trying to influence their vote; and

WHEREAS, several rulings of the United States Supreme Court have changed the meaning of the First Amendment without consultation of the States or the People, so as to empower unlimited political spending with “free speech” protections; and

WHEREAS, as a result, state and federal courts have been compelled to invalidate longstanding state and federal anti-corruption and election spending laws; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of the United States proclaims that “reducing the influence of ‘big money’ in our politics makes our elections fairer;” and

WHEREAS, Article V of the U.S. Constitution empowers the people to amend the constitution through ratification of an amendment proposed by Congress and presented to the 50 states for ratification.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the League of Women Voters of Wyoming calls upon the Wyoming Legislature and Governor to demand that the U.S. Congress propose and send to the states for ratification a Constitutional Amendment affirming that the states have the power to regulate and set limits on election contributions and expenditures in state elections, and that Congress likewise has such power in federal elections, in order to protect the integrity of such elections through protecting the rights of all Americans to free speech, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Governor and all members of the Wyoming House of Representatives and Senate, and to each member of the Wyoming Congressional delegation.

Adopted by the League of Women Voters of Wyoming at its 2019 Annual Convention