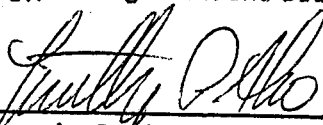


**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR THE 2018
WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE**


WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative with the goal of improving organizational collaboration to further economic prosperity; and,
WHEREAS, in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 WUPPDR was awarded funds to form and continue a Regional Prosperity Collaborative to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic, workforce, and community development; adult and higher education; transportation; and other areas; and,
WHEREAS, the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Collaborative (WUPRPC) is composed of Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties, known as Prosperity Region 1a; and,
WHEREAS, WUPRPC completed a five-year Regional Prosperity Plan in 2014 and has updated it annually; and,
WHEREAS, WUPRPC has been implementing priority projects from the original plan and annual updates, in areas such as tourism, broadband connectivity, career and technical education, energy, placemaking, brownfield redevelopment, and improved access to regional data; and,
WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted legislation in 2017 authorizing and appropriating funds for continuation of the Regional Prosperity Initiative for Fiscal Year 2018; and,
WHEREAS, only WUPPDR is eligible in the Western Upper Peninsula to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Iron County supports continuation of the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Initiative and WUPPDR's application to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget.



Timothy P. Aho, Chair of the Board of Commissioners

I, Joetta Greig, Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution formally adopted on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in the Commissioner's Room of the Iron County Courthouse, Crystal Falls, Michigan.


~~Joetta Greig~~, Tara Peterson, Deputy
County Clerk / Register of Deeds