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**Iron County Board of Commissioners
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR THE 2017
WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE**

At the November 14, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Iron, Commissioner, Patti Peretto introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

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 and 2016 WUPPDR was awarded funds to form and continue a Regional Prosperity Collaborative to foster communication and collaboration among organization 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 Ontonogan Counties, known as Prosperity Region 1; and

WHEREAS, WUPRPC completed a five year Regional Prosperity Plan in 2014 and has been implementing its eight priority projects in 2016; in areas of economic development, career and technical education, broadband connectivity, regional marketing, energy, placemaking, nonprofit organization needs assessment, and support for statewide advocacy of the program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted legislation in 2016 authorizing and appropriating funds for continuation of the Regional Prosperity Initiative for Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, only WUPPDR is eligible in the Western Upper Peninsula to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS fully supports the continuation of the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Initiative and authorizes submission of an application to the Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget.

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Commissioner Sharon Leonoff offered support for the motion and the Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Iron held on November 14, 2016.

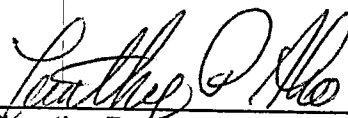
Roll Call Vote:

AYES: AHO, BRENNAN, COATES, LEONOFF, PERETTO
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Resolution Declared Adopted:

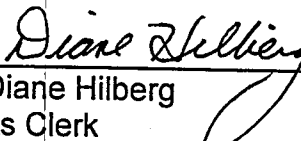
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