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### **Iron County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION URGING STATE TRANSPARENCY**

At the April 12, 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**, in 2015, the Center of Public Integrity and Global Integrity conducted a national study of state ethics and transparency laws and safeguard, in which the State of Michigan was ranked last; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the reasons cited for the State's poor ranking was weak public records laws and the absence of laws requiring personal financial disclosures by lawmakers and top state officials; and,

**WHEREAS**, another glaring issue cited was the exemption of the governor and the legislature from state open records laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has required transparency from local municipalities through EVIP and CIP, yet the State has chosen to not take the opportunity to lead by example; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board feels it is time that State lawmakers and top officials stop exempting themselves from the laws that they expect others to follow; now

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Iron County Board of Commissioners urges State lawmakers and top officials to stop the hypocrisy of exempting themselves from the laws that they enact for the governance of the State of Michigan, of which they are included; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Senator Tom Casperson, Representative John Kivela, Representative Scott Dianda, Representative Ed McBroom, the Michigan Association of Counties and Governor Rick Snyder.

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Commissioner Jim Brennan 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 April 12, 2016.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Aho, Brennan, Coates, Peretto, Leonoff

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

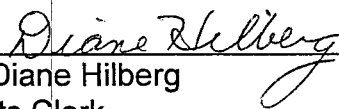
Resolution Declared Adopted:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF IRON**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Timothy P. Aho  
Its Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Diane Hilberg  
Its Clerk