

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2016-05

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Center for Public Integrity and Global Integrity conducted a national study of state ethics and transparency laws and safeguards, 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, this Board feels it is time that State lawmakers and top officials stop exempting themselves from the laws that they expect others to follow; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger 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, Governor Rick Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

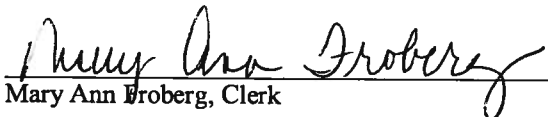
Dated: February 16, 2016


Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alger)

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on February 16, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this February 17, 2016 at Munising, Michigan.



Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk