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Leelanau County Resolution #2020-014
Resolution to Condemn Racism in Leelanau County

WHEREAS, the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners has promoted and continues to promote diversity, inclusion, equality, and equity in all aspects of county government; and

WHEREAS, racism, defined as "a belief that certain races are by birth and nature superior to others (Merriam Webster)", can present itself in many forms, conscious and unconscious, but often manifests through attitudes, beliefs, and actions; and

WHEREAS, racism unfairly disadvantages specific individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, communities that experience racism are more likely to experience poor health, socio-economic, educational, and other challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners stands with the residents of Leelanau County in their condemnation of any form of racism and discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners is committing its full attention to advocating for equality, equity, and improving the quality of life and health of all of our residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners will assess internal policies and procedures to ensure equality and racial equity is a core element in all organizational practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners will promote, support, and participate in the necessary professional development programming to support the purposes of this resolution for all employees, Commissioners and elected officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners requests that the County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Gary Peters, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Representative Jack Bergman, Senator Curt VanderWall, Representative Jack O'Malley, the Michigan Association of Counties, the other 82 Counties, and local units of government within Leelanau County.

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I, Michelle Crocker, Clerk of said County and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, the same being a Court of record having a seal, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Record now remaining in my office of the whole thereof. In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Circuit Court the 18th day of August, 2020.

Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk
Clerk to the County Board of Commissioners