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For the December 15, 2020, Regular Session.

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12/15/2020

Dear Commissioner Ansorge,
Commissioner Soutas-Little,
Commissioner Rentenbach and
Commissioner Wessel,

I want to thank you for supporting the request of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to seek just compensation for land taken in violation of the Treaty of 1855.

With the passage of Resolution #2020-014 the Resolution to condemn Racism in Leelanau county I felt sure that this request would have been supported by all Commissioners. It is clear from the 4/3 vote that racism is still occurring from 3 of our Commissioners.

Counties in Michigan with an antiracist resolution are Wayne County, Ingham, Kalamazoo, Oakland, Washtenaw, Eaton, Genesee, Jackson and Leelanau County. Many of those BOC's have declared racism a public health crisis. Along with these County's we were positioned to be a leader in the state. Not standing by with actions to support the resolution makes an empty promise. Not unlike treaties written long ago.

How to make amends for errors of the Past.

1. Acknowledge that mistakes were made and crimes were committed.
2. Apologize for those mistakes even though you personally did not do these crimes. Even though you did not do those acts you might currently live on land that was illegally obtained from broken treaties.
3. Do a land acknowledgement at public and governmental meetings.
4. Promote righteous actions to help remedy original crimes.
5. Include in all histories of the County the true story, not just the story of when white settlers arrived.

It is time to right these wrongs.

Sincerely,
Dana Getsinger