

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**RESOLUTION #2018-17
SEEKING EQUITY IN STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, all 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula are rural and experience unemployment rates higher than the national average and higher than the counties in the lower peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Michigan, created the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to address an alleviate high unemployment throughout the State of Michigan by assisting in business attraction, retention and growth, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Business Development Program was created by the Legislature and placed under the direction of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to further facilitate the attraction, retention and growth of businesses by funding the Michigan Business Development Program through the Michigan Strategic Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation over the last four years, has through the Michigan Business Development Program, provided more than 235 grants totaling in excess of \$200 million, to businesses to relocate in Michigan, to retain existing businesses and to expand and grow existing businesses, and

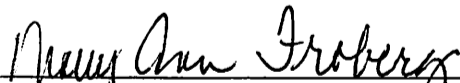
WHEREAS, the 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula have only received 2 grants under the Michigan Business Development Program amounting to \$400,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners requests that the appropriate Legislative organizations to review and provide input on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Michigan Business Development Program grant procedures and guidelines to ensure programs and funding is made available and is awarded in an equitable manner to all counties of Michigan, specifically the rural counties in the Upper Peninsula.

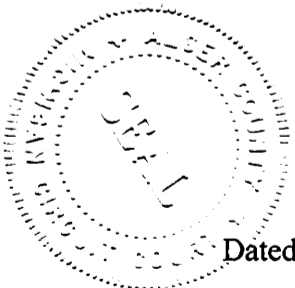
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk



Dated: October 15, 2018