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## MEMORANDUM

To: Marquette County cities and townships

From: Sarah Lucas, CEO, Lake Superior Community Partnership

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Subject: Intergovernmental Housing Task Force resolution

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On behalf of Marquette County, the Lake Superior Community Partnership has invited local governments to participate in intergovernmental discussions on housing solutions. One result of those discussions is the proposed creation of a Marquette County Intergovernmental Housing Task Force that would formalize participation in a collaborative group in order to advance local housing efforts regionally and statewide. As the State of Michigan looks at expanding the resources and programming available to address housing needs, an organized, collaborative local government approach will position the County and its local governments to take advantage of new opportunities and resources. Further, many housing solutions require alignment and coordination between local units of government; and an intergovernmental task force will enable regular sharing of best practices, new initiatives, and opportunities for collaboration between communities. As such, participating jurisdictions have proposed the attached resolution for consideration by local elected bodies, in order to formally appoint staff representatives that will bring forward recommendations for consideration at the local level.

We appreciate your consideration of the resolution and task force, and look forward to working with communities to identify and implement housing solutions. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss further and/or request a presentation before considering the resolution, please don't hesitate to contact me at [slucas@marquette.org](mailto:slucas@marquette.org) or 231-920-2116.