

September 15, 2020

Iron County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Michael Saari, Clerk
300 Taconite St Suite 101
Hurley, WI 54534


Dear Supervisors of the Iron County Board,


We write to you today to voice our support for the Iron County Youth Leadership Council's efforts to come up with a Statement of Community Integrity and Respect. Through this statement, the young people who make up the Iron County Youth Leadership Council are demonstrating their commitment to their communities, not only by vowing to eliminate hateful behavior and discrimination, but also by fostering respect in discourse and compassion among neighbors.

As we all know, it is often difficult to find the courage to speak up when members of your own community use hateful language or behave inappropriately towards others. Unfortunately, it is so hard that we sometimes choose to say nothing. But these students and youth have gathered their courage to do what is right, to reaffirm the qualities that Northern Wisconsin communities pride themselves on, and to ensure a welcoming home here for everyone.

We are proud of their courage, gladdened by their ability to work with others, and hopeful for the future that they will create in Iron County, Wisconsin, and the United States. That is why we support their mission wholeheartedly, and ask that you do the same.

Sincerely,


Janet Bewley
State Senator
25th Senate District


Beth Meyers
State Representative
74th Assembly District