

Resolution
Support for Reopening of the Empire Mine

Whereas, the Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP) is closely connected to Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. (CCI) from a shared history, economic ties, and partnership in economic development , and

Whereas, the idling of the Empire Mine has an approximately \$180m annual negative economic impact on the region, and reopening of the Empire Mine would turn that around through the increase in commerce and economic prosperity in the region; and

Whereas, the importance of reopening the Empire Mine to the local economy cannot be overstated; and

Whereas, Marquette County will continue to be a great location for CCI employees and their families; and

Whereas, many citizens, business owners, organizations and municipalities support reopening the Empire Mine; and

Whereas, reopening the Empire Mine would create many new, high quality jobs, indirect and induced economic benefits;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the LSCP encourages and supports a CCI decision to reopen the Empire Mine;

Be it further resolved that, the LSCP respectfully requests advice from CCI regarding what actions CCI would suggest to secure a decision to reopen the Empire Mine.

Finally, be it resolved that the Lake Superior Community Partnership commends Chairman, President, and CEO Lourenco Goncalves and CCI for considering to reopen the Empire Mine and continuing to invest in the Marquette County region.

Moved to Approve by: _____
Seconded by: _____
Ayes: _____ Nays: _____
Date: _____