

Committed to the highest values of the constitutional order of the Republic of Croatia and the international legal order,

- affirming and reinforcing the meaning and content of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Official Gazette, International Agreements 14/97 and 4/08)
- reminding the Croatian public
 - that the units of local and regional self-government are among the key elements of every democratic system
 - that the right of citizens to participate in the management of public affairs is one of the democratic principles common to all European Union member states
- persisting on the principle that it is important to protect human rights with the rule of law and promote the development of friendly relations among people
- united in achieving equal standards and accessibility of education and healthcare, as well as transport infrastructure, for citizens of all units of the regional self-government irrespective of the political affiliation of county prefects
- determined to realize the goals of equal standard through agreement on management
- attempting to spread the principle of unity, mutual respect and tolerance throughout the social scope of activity, at the session on 15 September, 2016, we, the heads of Croatian counties, issue the following

DECLARATION on the importance of political respect and cooperation of all stakeholders on the political scene

and pledge to continue

- working together on all important political issues that refer primarily to the citizens of the Republic of Croatia irrespective of their political affiliation
- setting the scene for even regional development and ensuring equal standard of services for all citizens of the Republic of Croatia
- enabling, at all times, the development of democratic multiparty system, pluralism of opinion and political views to the benefit of all citizens
- condemning any attempt at discrimination or violation of the human rights of any citizen of the Republic of Croatia
- encouraging the creation of regulations and other decisions designed to foster the competitiveness of our economy and the standard of all citizens
- promoting cultural and education programmes that will help spread the principle of respect, tolerance, and cooperation among all citizens of the Republic of Croatia.

Furthermore, we call on all stakeholders to commit to corporate social responsibility and care for the Croatian society and the public scene.

Šibenik, 15 September, 2016

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