

Polk County Board of Supervisors
Resolution No. 10-15
Resolution of Proclamation to Honor the Law Enforcement Service and Citizenship of
Deputy Michael J. Seversen, Polk County Sheriff's Department

- 1 **WHEREAS**, on April 19, 1991, Polk County Deputy Mike Seversen responded to assist the Burnett County
2 Sheriff's Department in the Village of Webster, Wisconsin, to apprehend an armed fugitive; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, during a confrontation, Deputy Seversen was shot by the assailant and sustained serious and
4 permanent injury; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, although Deputy Seversen remained a quadriplegic, his remarkable mental and spiritual strength
6 allowed him to live independently in his hometown of St Croix Falls, Wisconsin; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, Deputy Seversen continued his law enforcement career by accepting many public speaking
8 invitations, focusing on encouraging young people to make positive and responsible decisions; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, the Polk County Board of Supervisors assembled on October 15, 1991, officially retired Deputy
10 Seversen's badge number #905, never to be reassigned; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, the National Sheriff's Association has awarded Deputy Seversen the Medal of Valor, the Purple
12 Heart and the National Sheriff's Deputy of the Year Award in addition to many other forms of recognition for his
13 bravery; and
- 14 **WHEREAS**, Deputy Seversen's continued service in law enforcement and his leadership as a citizen throughout
15 the State of Wisconsin has reflected positively upon the Polk County Community; and
- 16 **WHEREAS**, Deputy Seversen remained an active, contributing member of the Polk County Sheriff Department
17 until his passing on Monday, April 14, 2014, at the age of 50; and
- 18 **WHEREAS**, Deputy Michael Seversen's name will be honored and forever preserved on the National Law
19 Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC on May 13, 2015; and
- 20 **WHEREAS**, Deputy Michael Seversen's sacrifice and service will be honored in a ceremony of the Wisconsin
21 Law Enforcement Memorial in Madison, Wisconsin on May 8, 2015.
- 22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Polk County Board of Supervisors, hereby assembled in
23 Balsam Lake Wisconsin on the 21st day of April 2015, does, on behalf of the County of Polk, declare and
24 proclaim the highest respect and deepest gratitude to Michael J. Seversen, for his distinctive service, his valor and
25 bravery as Deputy Sheriff, for his devoted citizenship, for his selfless and heroic service and invaluable
26 contribution to upholding justice, enforcing the rule of law and protecting those who live, work and play in Polk
27 County, in the State of Wisconsin and in this nation.
- 28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified
29 copy of Resolution No. 10-15 to the President of the United States, Governor of Wisconsin, and the State
30 Legislators representing the people of Polk County and the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted unanimously this 21st day of April 2015.



William F. Johnson, IV, Chairperson

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<p>Review By County Administrator:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only</p> <p><u>Dana Frey</u> Dana Frey, County Administrator</p>	<p>Review By Corporation Counsel:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended</p> <p><u>Jeffrey B. Fuge</u> Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel</p>

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COUNTY OF POLK)

I, Carole T. Wondra, Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10-15, that was adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on April 21, 2015.

Carole T. Wondra 4-22-15
Carole T. Wondra Date