

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-020**  
**Polson Police Department Appreciation of Service Season**  
**Effective Date: Wednesday September 9, 2015 – October 17, 2015**

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women of the Polson Police Department serve and protect our citizens and ensure our community is healthy and safe every day; and

WHEREAS, Polson police officers are highly trained and many make daily personal sacrifices to maintain public peace and order, enforce traffic laws, conduct search and rescue operations, investigate allegations of human abuse or neglect, respond to citizen inquiries, protect life and property, and provide current and relevant law enforcement training to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies; and

WHEREAS, Polson's police officers wear a badge – a symbol of authority granted by oath – and vows to uphold the highest ideals of law enforcement and truth, regardless of outcome. A badge marks an officer's courage to make the right decisions in the face of extremely dangerous situations and moral dilemmas, and to show compassion to those in need without bias, regardless of circumstances or condition; and

WHEREAS, members of the Polson Police Department and members of other law enforcement agencies throughout our community work to carry out their core values of Loyalty, Integrity, Courage, Compassion, Leadership, and Accountability; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate not only the City of Polson police officers, but also express the City's appreciation to all law enforcement agencies and officers who remain steadfast, honorable, and uncompromised in the performance of duty while exhibiting leadership and professional conduct in service to our citizens ; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize our everyday heroes and their families for their bravery, selfless duty, and commitment to our citizens. At the same time, we also want to honor one of our own, Officer William Cleveland, who is today battling a life threatening disease, and for whom this season of service is dedicated, as the community steps forward, sponsoring numerous fundraisers for Officer Cleveland and his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Heather Knutson, Mayor of the City of Polson, do hereby proclaim, September 9, 2015 to October 17, 2015 as a period to express our appreciation for our officers service and declare this time period as Polson Police Department Appreciation of Service Season. I encourage all citizens to recognize and express appreciation for our Polson police officers and all officers representing other agencies serving our community, thanking them for their honorable profession in public service to us all.

Dated: September 9, 2015

Heather Knutson  
Mayor, City of Polson