

*Resolution No. 11-122*

*Iowa County First Responder Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, many rural communities lack the funds for many vital services and therefore have traditionally relied on volunteer first responder services,*

*WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board and the citizens of Iowa County recognize the vital services provided by all the selfless volunteers across the county in the many volunteer first responders communities,*

*WHEREAS, the residents of the city of Mineral Point, and all residents of Iowa County, respect and unequivocally support their volunteer firefighters and other first responders and appreciate the risks they take on behalf of their fellow citizens despite challenges such as harsh weather and the myriad other difficulties of each challenging call,*

*WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of January 6, with perilous travel conditions due to light snow and high winds, Mineral Point volunteer firefighters Capt. Brian C. Busch, 43, and James M. Ludlum, 69, were responding to a vehicle rollover on U.S. Hwy 151 when their vehicle was struck and they were killed in the line of duty,*

*WHEREAS Capt. Brian C. Busch is a husband, and father of 1 son and 2 daughters with 25 years of service with the Mineral Point Fire Department, and James M. Ludlum is a widower and father of 2 sons with 38 years of service with the Mineral Point Fire Department,*

*WHEREAS, Capt. Brian C. Busch, and James M. Ludlum, while providing assistance to a motorist in need, were themselves the victims of a collision that cost them the ultimate sacrifice of their lives,*

*WHEREAS, these very rare losses are especially tragic to municipalities like Mineral Point where the deaths of two volunteer responders profoundly affects the entire community in addition to their immediate families,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the citizens of Iowa County honor the courage and dedication of volunteer responders Capt. Brian C. Busch, and James M. Ludlum, and all other volunteers county wide, who put their lives on the line to provide this vital service to their communities,*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board forward copies of this proclamation to the families of the deceased, the Mineral Point Fire Department, as well as all county first responder departments and the following officials.*

*Governor Evers*

*St Reps Tranel, Novak, Pope, and Considine*

*St Sen Marklein, Erpenbach*

*US Rep Pocan*

*US Sens Baldwin, Johnson*

*Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.*

*John M Meyers*

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*John M. Meyers  
Iowa County Chair*

*ATTEST:*

*Kristy K. Spurley*

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*Kristy K. Spurley  
Iowa County Clerk*