

WHEREAS, former President Reagan’s vision of “peace through strength” led to the end of the Cold War and the eventual demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people as well as ushering in an era of peace and diplomacy between the United States and Russia; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan’s policies created the groundwork that ultimately resulted in the removal of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain that had divided Europe since the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan’s stirring speech calling for “...Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.” outside the Brandenburg Gate created the environment that led to the peaceful reunification of Germany; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan provided the framework for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty that led to a significant reduction in nuclear weapons in the world and helped prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to additional nations creating a safer world for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan’s diligent and thoughtful efforts working with members of both political parties helped bring the country out of recession and led to an era of economic expansion and opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Howell, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize February 6, 2016 as

“RONALD REAGAN’S 105th BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY”

and urge Sedgwick County citizens to honor and commemorate his legacy.

February 3, 2016