

WHEREAS, Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and

WHEREAS, we encourages all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as

“DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH”

And recognize that our communities are stronger when everyone participates. Take time to get to know someone with a disability, look beyond the disability and see what he or she has to offer.

March 13, 2013