

**WHEREAS,** diabetes is a debilitating disease that can strike without warning and now affects more 366 million people worldwide, including nearly 26 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** type 1 diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases to affect children of all ages, even toddlers and babies; while type 2 diabetes, once thought of as a disease affecting adults only, is increasing fast among children and adolescents; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost of diabetes to the United States has been estimated at \$174 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS,** each year, 4.6 million deaths are linked directly to diabetes-related causes; and

**WHEREAS,** millions of people with diabetes lack the access to care, treatment and education needed to manage the disease and prevent its serious and costly complications, including heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and lower-limb amputation; and

**WHEREAS,** an increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes receive the attention they need before developing the disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 14 as Diabetes Awareness Day and call upon all Sedgwick County residents to combat this disease by familiarizing themselves with the warning signs, making healthy lifestyle choices, and by accessing the best quality of care that Sedgwick County provides to its citizens with diabetes.

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