

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month – a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day. They volunteer their time, give blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, we would like to remember our heroes here in Sedgwick County who give to help people in need. They work tirelessly to help in time of disaster, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. They provide round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and teach lifesaving classes in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires, the tragedy at the Boston Marathon, and typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, when an injured service member ended up in a hospital far from home, the American Red Cross offered comfort. When a hospital patient needed blood, American Red Cross blood donors helped them. When a lifeguard jumped in to save a drowning child or someone stepped up to help a heart attack victim, the American Red Cross was there; and

WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize March 2014 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

March 12, 2014