

WHEREAS, By age 16, 1 in 5 children will suffer the loss of one or both parents, or an immediate family member; and the majority of those children face their grief alone, misunderstood and fearful; and

WHEREAS, Grieving children and teens are often called “forgotten mourners” because others erroneously believe they are resilient enough to get over their grief on their own; and

WHEREAS, the unresolved grief of children and teens may lead to depression, hopelessness and other mental health issues, including anxiety disorders and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, Kidzcope offers comfort and guidance to young people and their families in their time of grief, while educating the community about the effects of unresolved grief in children and teens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 15

“CHILD GRIEF AWARENESS DAY”

in Sedgwick County to assist Kidzcope in its work on behalf of grieving children and teens.

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