

**WHEREAS,** travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the travel industry ranks as the third largest industry in Kansas, the fifth largest employer in the United States and among the top 10 industries of 49 states (including the District of Columbia) when measured by employment; and

**WHEREAS,** visitors contribute \$636 million to the economy each year in Sedgwick County, plus \$56 million in tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS,** leisure and hospitality services provide employment for 10,400 people in Sedgwick County, creating payroll income of \$164 million; and

**WHEREAS,** travel contributes to personal growth, health, professional advancement, education, cultural understanding and the enhancement of America's image around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** travel can serve as a catalyst to help move the national economy forward;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 7-15, 2011

**“NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK”**

in Sedgwick County and encourage citizens to join in this special observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

May 11, 2011