

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that, at any given moment, nearly 2,000 thunderstorms are in progress over the earth's surface; and

**WHEREAS**, tornadoes occur in many parts of the world and in all seasons in all 50 states, but no area is more favorable to their formation than the Continental Plains of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, local government has the responsibility to inform the public and promote awareness in effort to limit personal injury and the loss of life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management held a statewide tornado safety drill Tuesday, March 5, 2013, designed to test the emergency warnings systems throughout Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sedgwick County Department of Emergency Management participated in this drill to enhance the public's awareness in this vital area of personal safety;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Jim Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 4 - 8, 2013, as

**“SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK”**

in Sedgwick County, and urge all residents to participate in the scheduled activities.

February 20, 2013