

WHEREAS, oral health is one of the five key community health priorities in Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, dental caries are the single most common childhood chronic disease, affecting more than 80 percent of children by the time they finish high school; and

WHEREAS, children who have multiple cavities during their youth are also more likely to have future dental problems; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Children's Dental Health Month focuses on preventive measures and helping kids form essential habits that will stay with them for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, nationally 1 in 7 elementary school children ages 6 to 12 suffers from a toothache. The Sedgwick County Health Department Children's Dental Clinic staff screens approximately 18,000 youth annually to raise awareness of the importance of good oral health habits and identify emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Health Department provides presentations and distributes oral health kits to youth throughout Sedgwick County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2012 as

“NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH”

in Sedgwick County, and urge our citizens to set a good example for their kids by encouraging them to brush twice daily, floss regularly and visit the dentist two times a year.

February 1, 2012