

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County, Kansas holds the health and safety of its young adults as a chief concern; and

**WHEREAS**, text messaging is the main mode of communication for most American teenagers with half of all teens sending between 21 and 70 texts a day; and

**WHEREAS**, 90 percent of American teenagers expect a reply to a text message within five minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, when driving, texting takes one's eyes off the road for an average of five seconds; and

**WHEREAS**, in a national survey, 43 percent of American teenage drivers admitted to texting while driving even though 97 percent admitted knowing it is dangerous; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent study showed those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to crash; and

**WHEREAS**, a driver that sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians and other drivers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2012, as

**“NO TEXT ON BOARD PLEDGE DAY”**

in Sedgwick County and urge all residents to put down their mobile phones and resist reading and writing texts while driving.

September 19, 2012