

WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault result in widespread victimization of adults, children, and families throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, thousands of cases are reported each year in Sedgwick County, and the criminal justice system dedicates tremendous resources to arrest and prosecute perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, October 2016 marks the 27th anniversary of the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month, following the passage of commemorative legislation passed by the U.S. Congress in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the YWCA Wichita Women's Crisis Center, Catholic Charities Harbor House, StepStone, Women's Initiative Network and a diverse group of local social service agencies collaborate to assist those whose lives have been impacted by violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this effort and to show support for an initiative, as the Wichita/ Sedgwick County Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Coalition, striving to reduce the incidence and impact of domestic violence in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Howell, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October, 2015 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

And encourage fellow Commissioners and the community to join the Coalition in promoting healthy, non-violent relationships for all.

October 5, 2016