

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County believes along with the nation that foster children deserve safe, permanent, and loving families through adoption if they cannot safely return home; and

**WHEREAS**, some children who wait the longest for an adoptive family are those who have suffered abuse and/or neglect, and may have medical, emotional and/or developmental needs; and

**WHEREAS**, brothers and sisters who are separated in the foster care system yearn to be adopted by the same family; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Francis Ministries will be celebrating National Adoption Day on Saturday November 17, 2018, to complete the adoptions of 28 children by 17 families;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Chairman David T. Dennis, and the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018 as

#### **NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK**

In Sedgwick County in the hopes that the people of this County will open their homes and adopt Kansas children from the foster care system.

November 14, 2018