

**WHEREAS**, the events of September 11, 2001, forever changed the landscape of a U.S. city, took the lives of nearly 3,000 Americans, and reshaped the manner in which we now defend our freedoms; and

**WHEREAS**, those events also proved that Americans will rally in the face of adversity and support those who are dedicated to ensuring our protection; and

**WHEREAS**, 10 years later, those events serve as reminders that we cannot allow fear to run our lives, but instead work to be prepared to live in our new reality; and

**WHEREAS**, September 2011 is a time to remember and a time to prepare; and

**WHEREAS**, agencies across the country work daily to inform, plan and prepare to reduce the possibility and impact of future attacks and disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County residents also can take steps to be better prepared to reduce effects of an attack or disaster, beginning with an emergency kit and plan; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

**“PREPAREDNESS MONTH”**

and encourage all citizens and agencies to participate in a national moment of remembrance at noon CST on September 11 by ringing bells, blowing whistles, sounding sirens and taking a moment to reflect on the events that took place 10 years ago. I also encourage residents to make a kit, make a plan, be informed and get involved in preparedness efforts.

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