

WHEREAS, addressing the complex mental health needs of children and families today is fundamental to the future of Sedgwick County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children and families places upon our community a critical responsibility; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated, no-wrong-door approach is utilized by Kansas Children's Initiative Fund partners and other early childhood mental health care providers serving Sedgwick County and the surrounding area, to effectively care for the mental health needs of children and families in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2012, as

“CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY”

and urge all residents of Sedgwick County and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting every child's mental health needs to unite in the observance of exercises that will acquaint the people of Sedgwick County, Kansas with the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for children with mental health needs and their families.

May 9, 2012