

WHEREAS, former president, Ronald Reagan was successful in peacefully ending the Cold War that had divided the world since 1945 during his second term as President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's policies created the groundwork that ultimately resulted in the removal of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain that had divided Europe since the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's stirring speech calling for "...Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." outside the Brandenburg Gate created the environment that led to the peaceful reunification of Germany; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan signed the first agreements with the Soviet Union that not only reduced the number of ballistic nuclear missiles that were possessed by both the United States and the Soviet Union but also eliminated entire classes of these terrible weapons; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's economic policies created the largest economic turnaround in United States history after World War II while ending the economic stagflation and malaise that had afflicted this country in the 1970s and early 1980s when he became president; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's recovery from an attempted assassination gave hope and inspiration to an entire country at the beginning of his first term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize

"RONALD REAGAN'S 101ST BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY"

on February 11 and urge Sedgwick County citizens to honor and commemorate his legacy.

February 8, 2012