

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001 the United States of America was subjected to terrorist acts of war and the United States Armed Forces were mobilized by the president in response to the global war on terror; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces were, and continued to be, called to duty with the mission to defend our country and restore peace; and 5,000 members of the United States Armed Forces – 83 from Kansas – lost their lives in these military campaigns in the name of liberty, justice, and freedom for all; and

WHEREAS, Operation Freedom Memorial Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to promoting awareness of these fallen Kansas patriots by preserving their historical footprints and legacies of duty, honor, and country; and

WHEREAS, the proposed war memorial will be dedicated to the Kansas men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 and during the military operations: Desert Storm; Iraqi Freedom; Enduring Freedom; New Dawn and other acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the vision is to promote education to persons of all ages through historical preservation of our 83 fallen Kansas patriots, further raising the awareness and dedicating a memorial in their honor and the goal is to provide a moment of reflection in honor and remembrance of our Kansas hometown heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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

“KANSAS FALLEN PATRIOTS”

and applaud the efforts of the Operation Freedom Memorial Foundation, Inc. to establish the Operation Freedom Memorial

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