

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, Denise Rohan was elected National Commander of the American Legion, becoming the Legion's first female national commander; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans; and

WHEREAS, women represented approximately 9.4 percent of the total Veteran population in 2015. Additionally, women make up 15.3% of the total active duty members in the armed forces. Women constitute an ever growing percentage of the armed forces and play a significant role in securing and defending freedom around the world; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2017, Commander Rohan will visit the John M. West American Legion Post 408 in Derby within her first month of being the National Commander.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2017 as

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER DENISE ROHAN DAY

In Sedgwick County and congratulate National Commander Rohan upon her election and welcome her to Sedgwick County and to the John M. West American Legion Post 408.

September 13, 2017