

WHEREAS, children who have multiple cavities during their youth are also more likely to have future dental problems; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, our community prioritized five health issues based on the prevalence and the level of community involvement to address the issues. Oral health continues to be one of the five key community health priorities in Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, the observance of National Children's Dental Health Month focuses on preventive measures and helping kids form essential habits that will stay with them for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Health Department Children's Dental Clinic staff screens over 18,000 youth annually to raise awareness of the importance of good oral health habits and identify emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Health Department provides presentations and distributes 20,016 oral health kits provided by the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation to youth throughout Sedgwick County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, James B. Skelton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2013 as

“NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH”

in Sedgwick County, and urge our citizens to set a good example for their kids by encouraging them to brush twice daily, floss regularly and visit the dentist two times a year.

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