

WHEREAS, the Sedgwick County Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern. Each year more than 3,000 Americans die, approximately 17,500 are injured, and nearly \$12 billion is incurred in property damage due to fires – many of which could have been prevented; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms, in addition to emergency planning, significantly reduce the risk of dying in a home fire; and

WHEREAS, first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County residents can also take personal responsibility to reduce their risk from fire injury and death, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2012 theme “Have 2 Ways Out” focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice, and reminds us of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year round.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize October 7-13, 2012, as

“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

and urge all citizens of Sedgwick County to protect their homes and families by “Having 2 Ways Out” and practicing their escape plans.

October 3, 2012