

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is a growing part of the world community and joins the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization in calling attention to the global tuberculosis problem through the annual World TB Day, celebrated on the anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize award to Robert Koch for his discovery of the tuberculosis bacteria; and

WHEREAS, one-third of the world's population is infected with tuberculosis, and almost 10 million people develop TB disease and 2 million die from TB annually; and,

WHEREAS, in the United States, 9 to 14 million people are infected with TB and the number of drug-resistant cases of TB is not decreasing; and

WHEREAS, diligent, cooperative, and ongoing TB control is critical to the health of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2012 as

“WORLD TB AWARENESS DAY”

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to educate themselves about tuberculosis, its prevention and treatment.

March 21, 2012