

WHEREAS, the spirit of a community stands to benefit richly from mutual celebration that embraces all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Wichita Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with the purpose of creating diverse community celebrations within the Wichita area; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita River Festival, now known as Riverfest, has played a vital role in economic growth and civic pride in Wichita and Sedgwick County for forty-two years; and

WHEREAS, the festival has grown from 2,000 attendees at its debut in 1972 to more than 250,000 attendees with corresponding economic impact; and

WHEREAS, Riverfest continues to be what its founders intended; a mechanism to build community pride, bring people together, and focus on the great natural resource that is the Arkansas River; and

WHEREAS, Wichita Festivals, Inc., has rededicated itself to the organization's purpose and to the citizens of South Central Kansas and beyond to present a diverse festival that offers events and entertainment for people of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and interests;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, James Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 31 – June 8, 2013 as

“WICHITA RIVERFEST WEEK”

May 22, 2013