

**WHEREAS,** Kansas has a strong tradition deeply rooted in farming and ranching;  
and

**WHEREAS,** the world population is expected to reach 9 billion in less than 40 years and as demand for animal protein grows, Kansas farmers and ranchers will play an increasingly important role in meeting global demands for healthful, wholesome, safe and nutritious food; and

**WHEREAS,** Kansas farmers and ranchers are the first and best stewards of the land as they are producing more food, fiber and energy than ever before using fewer resources; and

**WHEREAS,** with a commitment to research and education, Kansas is a recognized, trusted and respected leader in agriculture and is setting the pace in the complex, dynamic agricultural sector;  
and

**WHEREAS,** Kansas farmers and ranchers do not tolerate animal abuse or the intentional abuse or misuse of the land and its resources; and

**WHEREAS,** growth in agriculture, the state's largest economic driver, equals job creation and statewide economic growth.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Jim Skelton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 12 – 19, 2013 as

**“KANSAS AGRICULTURE WEEK”**

In Kansas and urge all citizens residing in Sedgwick County to join in this celebration and to know that our strong agricultural tradition benefits all Kansans.

March 13, 2013