

**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 both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire killing more than 2,640 people in the United States in 2010, and fire departments responding to more than 384,000 home fires in 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half; 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 are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fire Prevention Week 2011 theme “It’s Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!” effectively serves to remind us all 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, David Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 9 - 15, 2011, as

**“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”**

and urge all citizens of Sedgwick County to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2011.

October 5, 2011