

WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault result in widespread victimization of adults, children, and families throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, thousands of cases are reported each year in Sedgwick County, and the criminal justice system dedicates tremendous resources to arrest and prosecute perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, 10 lives were senselessly lost in Sedgwick County in 2011 as a result of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS the YWCA Women’s Crisis Center, Catholic Charities Harbor House, and a diverse group of local social service agencies collaborate to assist those whose lives have been impacted by violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition will host a Final Friday Art event on October 26; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is fortunate to have dedicated professionals who are committed to reducing the incidence and impact of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October as

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

and encourage the community to join the coalition in promoting healthy, non-violent relationships for all.

October 3, 2012