

**WHEREAS**, intellectual and developmental disabilities affect more than 8,000 Sedgwick County children, adults and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of issues affecting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of March has been designated National Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and thousands of social service agencies serving millions across our nation will be undertaking public and awareness initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the Arc and Advocates in Communities Team of South Central Kansas, along with dozens of other local agencies, is making a concerted effort in 2012 to bring awareness of the needs and abilities of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to our cities, county and state.

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

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AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Sedgwick County and call upon all Sedgwick County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of intellectual and developmental disabilities and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with disabilities to live full, productive lives within our community.

March 14, 2012