

**WHEREAS,** as COMCARE celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, we look back at the remarkable impact this organization has had on thousands of individuals and families of Sedgwick County; and

**WHEREAS,** with the forward thinking that was set forth in 1962 by the Sedgwick County commissioners and city of Wichita, COMCARE has demonstrated the stability, reliability and commitment necessary to serve those who need our help; and

**WHEREAS,** we also measure success in the tireless and professional skill of the COMCARE employees, past and present, who have invested their careers and lives in providing the compassionate behavioral health care that has made such a difference in our community for five decades; and

**WHEREAS,** mental health is essential to overall physical health and emotional well-being. Caring for your mind, as well as your body, is good for overall health and vital for success in our personal lives, at work, and at school; and

**WHEREAS,** COMCARE will continue its tradition of being a state leader in the provision of behavioral health services, facing the toughest challenges with pride and courage so that we can continue our mission of creating stronger individuals and families and brighter futures in Sedgwick County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Dave Unruh, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby celebrate 50 years of mental health and substance use services and ask all Sedgwick County residents to make 2012 a year to educate yourselves about mental health, help reduce the stigma, and most importantly, encourage those who need help to seek it.

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