

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives passed a resolution supporting October 16-22, 2011 as “National Save for Retirement Week;” and

WHEREAS, the cost of retirement continues to rise, in part, because workers in the United States are living longer, the number of employers providing retiree health coverage continues to decline, and retiree health care costs continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, recent data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicates that in the United States less than 70 percent of workers or their spouses are currently saving for retirement and that the actual amount of retirement savings of workers falls far below the amount that is realistically needed to adequately fund retirement; and

WHEREAS, many employees have available to them through their employers access to defined benefit or defined contribution plans to assist them in preparing for retirement and may not be aware of retirement options and the importance of saving for retirement; and

WHEREAS, many employees may not be taking advantage of workplace defined contribution plans at all or to the full extent allowed by the plans under federal law; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2011

“SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK”

in Sedgwick County, and encourage all citizens to save for their retirement.

October 12, 2011